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## Dial marks milestone

The Downtown Restoration Society donated a sundial in recognition of the 100-year anniversary of Granite City. From left are Lodonna Walden and Margret Hopkins of the Restoration Society and Mayor Ron Selph.

## Future not secure for bases, rep says

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

News reports earlier this summer that the U.S. Army's Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City might be shut down underscore the fact that both that base and Scott Air Force Base in Belleville area could still face closure sometime in the future, said U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville.

"One of the challenges we will face, either next year or the next few years, will be another round of base closures," he said. "There is no question that we will have to be prepared to defend and protect both Scott and the Price Center."

Costello said he has met several times in the past few months with both the U.S. Army and Air Force chiefs of staff about the continued use and expanding the missions of the bases.

The next round of base closures is expected to take place sometime after 2000.

Although Scott has never been targeted by

"I intend to make sure those who will be in the position of making the decisions in the next round understand the importance of those facilities to our area, as well as our defense capabilities."

Jerry Costello

the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, it was considered vulnerable to closure because it is primarily a headquarters base — operations that could be moved anywhere.

Scott is home to the U.S. Transportation Command and its Air Force component, the

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## Motion buys time for possible appeal of annexation ruling

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Madison County State's Attorney's office has filed a motion to reconsider the

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dismissal of a lawsuit that challenged the city of Madison's annexation of Chouteau Island.

While State's Attorney Bill Heine has not announced whether his office will appeal the case, this will allow more time to consider the action.

The circuit clerk's office

reported Friday that a motion to reconsider had been filed Wednesday, and a hearing was set for 10 a.m. Sept. 16 in the Madison County Courthouse before Circuit Judge John DeLaurenti.

Neither Heine or Assistant State's Attorney Nelson Metz, who argued the case, could be reached for comment.

Heine had said previously he was considering appealing the case but had not made a decision.

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## Schools dropping the ball on policy



T.L. Witt photo

Members of an area high school football team on the practice field last week.

'No pass, no play' has had minimal impact on athletes

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

It's late summer in middle America. High school football players have taken the field for practice. Cheerleaders are working on routines. Band members are tuning up and marching.

And most area students can participate in these activities with little worry about earning good grades to remain eligible. For students at most area public high schools, even a D average will suffice.

Despite the much-publicized "no-pass, no play" mandate

approved last year by the Illinois General Assembly, most area public school districts have not raised their standards for eligibility in sports and other extracurricular activities.

The mandate adopted by the Legislature required that, beginning this fall, all school districts with grades 9 through 12 adopt and enforce a "no pass, no play" policy with specific guidelines for participation in any "school-sponsored or

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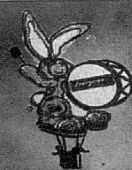
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# Many officials zone out over development

In an unusual move, Madison County Board members decided to ask some tough questions about enterprise zones.

Too bad they couldn't have asked some smarter questions.

At this week's meeting, County Board member Don Rea questioned extending the Gateway Commerce Center Enterprise Zone by 25 acres to take in a proposed business park in Pontoon Beach.

The action was tabled. That was unusual because around here, enterprise zones (for the county) and tax increment financing districts (for cities and villages) are constantly being revised, extended and developed with little critical thought. In all fairness, the state really doesn't give local governments much else to play within the economic development area, and elected officials have responded by not being overly cautious in using them.

But while discussing the project, Rea said village board members did not like the plan; that it did not bring in the right kind of jobs; or that other than the originally-proposed restaurant, it did not give enough specific details.

I was somewhat confused by all that, because in covering the Pontoon Beach Village Board, I remembered talking about wanting more information and wanting to be careful not to give the developer more than anybody else, but nobody being against it.

Both Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Gus Faltner agreed on that, and it's important to note that they are on the opposite sides in



Scott Cousins

the ongoing Pontoon Beach political wars.

Rea also said that other than the restaurant, he had seen no other plans for the development. Perhaps he should have talked to Madison County Community Development. After all, they participated in a public hearing on the zone extension the day before the county board meeting.

While no other companies have come forward to say they planned to move in, detailed plans have been prepared and approved by the Village Board. Developers said they have been approached by several companies, including a hotel.

While this doesn't mean the development's future is stone solid, the County Board approved the much larger Gateway Commerce zone with little more than an "if we build it, they will come" sort of promise. And that was for a zone the size of a small city. Compared to that, the proposed expansion would be nothing more than a hiccup.

So what's up?

I wonder if Rea and some other board members were still smarting over criticism of the Dial Corp. warehouse deal.

The first development in the Gateway Commerce Center Enterprise Zone, it

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## Where in the area would you take an out of town visitor?



"Chuckie Cheese Pizza and the new water slide in Collinsville. It is fun, I can play games, play in the balls, ride, eat pizza with black olives and get prizes."



"Raging Rivers. It's fun and 'St. Clair Mall. I would wet. I would eat at Casawalk around, go into Gallardo Restaurant." Ashley Jones, 10, Belleville future teacher



Matt Jacke, 13, Belleville student



Janelle Wallace, 7, Belleville student



"Ponderosa to eat, then a Cardinal's baseball game. They are my favorites. I am hoping they go to the World Series."

Darrell Elmore, 11, Belleville future wrestler

Photos and interviews by Barb Helfrich

Interviewed at Christian Outlet Store, Fairview Heights and Belleville West Branch Library

# Starr shines as loose-lipped culprit



Carol Clarkin

I'd come mighty close to making some sort of solemn vow (Girl Scout oath? Right hand on Bible?) that I was never, ever again going to comment on the Whitewater investigation.

But I didn't and I'm glad because I would have had to eat my words. While I'm uncertain we can continue to call it "Whitewater," there are a couple of aspects of the probe which, as Alice would have said, are getting "curiouser and curiouser." At least, to me.

Experience. Duty. Honor. However you regard it, I've

never served on a jury of any kind. For many years, because of my job, I was barred by law. The only time I've been called for jury duty since I've become eligible I was promptly dismissed when it became clear I'd had a long-time acquaintance with the judge and one of the lawyers.

However, I've known a lot of people who have served on juries, both on the circuit and federal court level, and on grand juries. In the latter case, to a man/woman, they've taken their job seriously. Talk about close-mouthed.

In the case of the current federal grand jury in Washington, however, someone is obviously a big blabbermouth, but the jurors don't appear to be among the suspects.

For weeks now, the media seem to be privy to grand jury evidence — a real no-no in our legal system — and at the moment the finger of guilt appears to be pointed at special investigator Kenneth Starr.

What's more, Mr. Starr, a pillar of propriety and morality, indicated recently — indirectly — he had at least to some extent engaged in conversation with the press. Naturally, he hasn't used the term "leak," but we can only judge by the end result. Almost daily newspaper stories of what's going on behind those legally sacred closed doors.

In his effort to block an order from a U.S. district judge that he turn over evidence of his office's contacts with news people, Starr invoked something called "informant's privilege." He cited a 17-year-old case he says is a long-recognized precedent and claimed such "privilege" serves "both individual and societal interests" while denying he has violated the legal rules.

Starr did admit there have been times his office has had to talk to reporters in order to "correct misinformation." Sounds like legal double talk to me.

But getting away from Gabby, there's something about Ms. Lewinsky's now

infamous blue dress that has given me some food for thought and pretty much convinced me that I'm sadly out of sync with the times. While it's been lurking somewhere in the back of my mind, a brief conversation with a friend recently brought it to the fore.

It has to do with mother-daughter relationships. I have a daughter. My friend has a daughter. For that matter, I was a daughter.

But Monica and mom present a side to family relationships I find hard to imagine. The picture seems surreal to me: "Mom, I need a favor. I'm not going to be wearing this dress again and I want you to box it up, stick it away in the attic or somewhere private and never mention it to anyone, please?"

Oh, yeah, whatever you do, don't send it to the cleaner's."

And mom doesn't ask questions? Or, for that matter, explode?

That has to be true maternal love. Either that or Mom's the village idiot.

# United States flag has earned right to have protection

By John Schneider  
My grandfather was a veteran of World War I. He was the one who first taught me about the flag and what it meant to him — not so much with his words, but by his actions. It was my grandfather who taught me how to fly a flag and how to raise it to touch the ground and why.

I have never forgotten those days on my grandfather's knee — or out in front of the house, raising the flag in the morning and lowering it at night. Like most Americans, I was shocked at the Supreme Court decision back in 1989 that ruled flag desecration a form of protected free speech. That shook me at my heart.

It has been over nine years since that decision, and it is still tearing at

my heart. There are those who have tried to convince me that prohibiting desecration of our flag will somehow harm the First Amendment. That is absolute, unadulterated hogwash.

One of the rewards of my profession is the ability to travel this great nation, and meet my fellow citizens. I have been to literally thousands of cities, towns and villages across our land. I have been to Valley Forge and pondered along with my children the suffering and sacrifice that occurred there that one could winter.

In all my travels, what continues to amaze me most about our country is our people. We have an unbelievable mixture of cultures, ideas and opinions. Yet, despite our many differences, the people of this "noble experiment" called the United States of America have learned not just to get along, but to unify as "One

Nation Under God" into the strongest nation in the history of the world. This hasn't happened because "we the people" have some dangerous disregard for our Constitution, or because we search for ways to keep unpopular opinions from surfacing. Nothing could be further from the truth.

My family is like the majority of American families. My children know disrespect is wrong. My children know violent acts are wrong. My children know that it is wrong to desecrate our flag. They understand that our flag is a symbol of honor and respect for those who died for our freedom. They know it is a symbol of opportunity and national unity.

So, how do I explain to them that some would have us believe that it is OK to desecrate the U.S. flag? Do I tell them that our freedoms will

be stronger if we show moderation in our basic principles, if we compromise our values? Do I tell them that their daddy and his daddy and her daddy were wrong? That there is no such thing as a line that cannot be crossed without suffering the consequences? That there is no absolute truth ... or a difference between right and wrong? Most I tell them that? I will not! I cannot!

Protecting the U.S. flag is an issue of basic American values. Right versus wrong. Lines not just drawn in the sand, but indelibly carved into the foundation of this country and into the hearts of our patriots, washed with the blood of those who believed that "Old Glory" stood for something.

Burning the flag communicates no tangible idea other than pure hatred. It is a hate crime attacking the very foundation of our unity and

community. Allowing flag desecration to continue is about legitimizing violence and moral wrong in real life, before the eyes of our children, without parental warnings of viewer discretion.

Thomas Paine once warned his countrymen that: "A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right." I give that same warning.

I pray the U.S. Senate will represent the majority of Americans, and 49 state legislative bodies, by passing Senate Joint Resolution 40, the Flag Protection Amendment. It's the right thing to do.

John Schneider, Bo Duke on the long-running television series "The Dukes of Hazzard," played Daniel on "Doctor Quinn: Medicine Woman." He is the president of Faith Works, an entertainment company

## Letters to the editor

**Closing proves taxing on relatives**  
TO THE EDITOR:  
My aunt was a resident of Madison County Nursing Home. I have to say "was," because she has since died. She was forced to move because the politicians are closing it. She is now in a home in St. Louis.

She is no longer among friends but strangers. When she was here, I was able to drop by for a visit. Her sister-in-law, her niece, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren also were able to pop in for a visit.

Well, those little visits can't happen now. It has now become a "trip." One must have two or three hours free to drive for a visit.

I am sure this is true for a lot of others in this same situation. Then there are the good people who, while not having a family member in Madison County Home, would

stop by and visit residents that had no one to visit.

Many older people are unable to drive to St. Louis. The closings of the Madison County Nursing Homes is not just closing down a business. The politicians have, with little concern shown to these people, (and they are people, not numbers) taken away a social part of the residents day-to-day life. It is hard for an elderly person to adjust to new surroundings and new people. I hope something can still be done to save these well-run, caring facilities. They are a credit to Madison County.

JO ANN DILLMAN  
Glen Carbon

**Farmers should answer support question**

TO THE EDITOR:  
We hog farmers work hard for our money. Shouldn't we be able to choose whether we put our hard-earned dollars into a

checkoff program?

Well, right now we don't have that choice. We can create that choice by signing the petition being circulated by the Campaign for Family Farms to end the mandatory pork checkoff. It's time for us as hog producers to take charge of our hard-earned dollars.

The pork checkoff needs to be voluntary. Without our agreement or choice, family farm hog producers are forced by federal law to pay into this program.

So far, what has the mandatory check off done for us? Since it went into effect in 1986, more than \$417 million in pork checkoff funds have been collected, yet more than 207,000 hog farmers have gone out of business and hog prices are no any better.

According to an April 1998 U.S. Department of Agriculture Report, per capita consumption of pork is

virtually unchanged since the checkoff became mandatory.

And perhaps most importantly, the hog farmer's share of the retail dollars has dropped sharply. In 1986, hog farmers received 46 cents of every retail dollar spent on pork. In December 1997, the USDA Economic Research Service reported that the hog farmer's share of the retail dollar had reached an all-time low — only 27 cents of every retail dollar spent on pork.

All of which shows that the Other White Meat campaign has helped everybody but the hog farmer. It's helped the packers, investors, and the Madison Avenue advertisers. But not the hog farmer. It's time to put the checkoff to a vote.

Farmers who want to sign the petition to end the mandatory pork checkoff should call (217) 498-9707. GERALD DUNN  
Hog farmer

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# County Board member's comments disturb trustees

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials said they were somewhat confused by County Board member Don Rea's statements regarding the expansion of the Gateway Commerce Center Enterprise Zone at Wednesday's County Board meeting. The County Board tabled a resolution approving the expansion. The expansion requires the approval of the county, Edwardsville and Pontoon Beach.

At Wednesday's meeting, County Board Member Don Rea, D-Granite City, questioned exactly what kind of development would be going in whether extending the enterprise zone is necessary or desirable and questioned the types of jobs that would be created.

A 25-acre extension of the 2.7-square-mile zone near the

intersection of Illinois 111 and Interstate 270 in Pontoon Beach is being sought to encourage the development of a business-commercial park along Old Chain of Rocks Road.

The first potential tenant would be a restaurant employing approximately 130 people, and the Pontoon Beach Village Board recently approved a revised plat for the development.

Rea said the developer had asked for tax incentives, which wasn't received favorably by the Pontoon Beach Board of Trustees.

He also said the drawings he looked at were for an extension of 25 acres, with 5 acres going toward the restaurant. However, he said, there were no plans drawn up for the remaining 20 acres.

"Pontoon Beach justifies this going into the enterprise zone by the fact that it's going to create 130 jobs," Rea said, but he added that he believed the jobs would be mainly

"I think we were asking for more information because it was sprung on us at the last minute. But we were anxious for it to happen. I read his comments, too, and I didn't understand what he was saying."

Gus Falter  
Trustee

part-time, minimum-wage jobs with few or no benefits.

"I don't think this is the type of business we need to create an enterprise zone for," Rea said. "The area we're talking about is 111 between Chain of Rocks Road and Interstate 270. That's going to develop anyway."

Pontoon Beach Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Gus Falter said Rea was incorrect when he said the board's reaction was not favorable.

"I think we were asking for more information because it was sprung on us at the last minute," Falter said. "But we were anxious for it to happen. I read his comments, too, and I didn't understand what he was saying."

Wilson's response was more pointed.

"That's not true, Don Rea made that up," he said.

Wilson said developers had initially asked the village for tax abatements and then asked to be placed in the enterprise zone.

All (Trustee) Randy Presswood said that we can't give him more than anybody else," Wilson said.

After some negotiations and meetings, a public hearing on the expansion was held Tuesday at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall.

During the hearing, Emmet Wyss,

one of the owners of the property, said it would be subdivided into 12-19 individual lots. In most cases, he said, the lots would be sold two to four at a time to individual businesses.

Infrastructure developments would include retention basins and two streets.

The restaurant would take up approximately five of the 25 acre development and would cost an estimated \$2 million to construct.

In addition to the restaurant, Wyss said they have had inquiries from a hotel and a St. Louis company seeking to build a sales office in Illinois.

The only other speakers at the meeting were several union representatives who wanted assurances that the work would be done by local union laborers and one resident concerned about water runoff.

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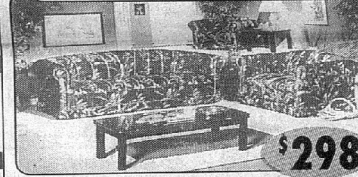
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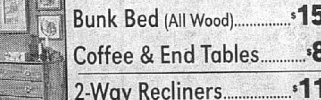
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## Man accused of having sex with his underage daughters

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

A Granite City man has been charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse

on two family members under age 18 and one count of criminal sexual assault

Richard Lloyd Hamilton, 45, of the 2200 block of Lee Avenue, was arrested last week after family members reported to police that Hamilton's daughters claimed he had been molesting one over the past 12 years and had had sexual relations with the other.

The sexual abuse with the girls under age 18 occurred within the last year, according to the State's Attorney office.

The family members told police the incidents occurred either in the garage or Hamilton's

bedroom.

The daughters were initially reluctant to report the incidents to authorities, but they told police that Hamilton threatened to kill their mother and himself if they ever told.

The family members moved herself and the rest of the family out of the house when she learned of the incidents, she told police, and then contacted the Department of Children and Family Services. She then went to the State's Attorney office and secured a restraining order against Hamilton.

The State's Attorney office charged Hamilton on Aug. 19 with two counts of aggravated sexual abuse for alleged sex acts on underage girls. They had previously charged Hamilton on Aug. 6 with criminal sexual assault on a woman.

The suspect is currently in custody in Madison County Jail on \$100,000 bond for each charge, for a total bond of \$300,000.

## Board delays on storage building again

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The construction of a new storage building at the Madison Middle School was put on hold

Thursday after school district trustees voted to table accepting a low bid for the project.

Several trustees questioned

whether the building was necessary in light of other district needs.

The board voted 5-1 in favor of tabling accepting a low bid of \$147,210 from Lamar Moore Construction Co. for the project.

Board President Sharon Cass was the only vote against tabling. Those voting in favor were John Ervin, Joe Garcia, James Newsome, Harry Peterson and Carol Hamm.

Instead, the board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the matter.

The district had considered the construction of the building last year but delayed the project after bids came in too high.

Ervin questioned the need for the building, citing Athletic Director Don Smith's request earlier in the meeting for a new roof for an existing storage building.

Garcia then said he was "a little uncomfortable" with the project, especially with teacher contract negotiations coming up.

Cass said the board should "move forward" on the project.

"We have been discussing this building for more than two years," she said.

The board also gave tentative approval to allow a junior football league team to use the high school football field for practice.

The team, associated with the Matthew Dickey program, would practice three nights per week and would use the fields lights later in the season.

Superintendent Gary Allison said he had some concerns about liability, and the board required that the liability question be answered before the team could practice.

In other business, the district accepted the resignation of three teachers; hired a seventh-grade teacher; hired a new clerical aide at Madison High School; and approved substitute cooks, aides and bus drivers.

## Meeting slated

The Gateway Arch East Chapter of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association will hold its fall meeting on

Aug. 28 in the Keyboard Lab at Belleville Area College. This meeting is open to music teachers throughout the region.

For more information, call Deborah Meier, 344-0447, or Darice Palmer, 281-6663.

"Ensembles, Everyone?" is the topic of our meeting. Teachers will share some of their favorite duets and ensembles with one another.

The Gateway Arch East Chapter is a local group of 38 music teachers who are committed to furthering the art of music through programs that encourage and support music teaching, performance, composition and research.

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## Obituaries

## Vey Bagi

VEY E. (ELLIOTT) BAGI, 73, of Granite City, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.



Mr. Bagi was born Aug. 18, 1925, in Shelby County, Ind. She was a retired auditor for Granite City Engineer Depot.

In the Finance Office and a member of the St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, William "Bill" Bagi, two daughters, Karen Bethel of Avon Lake, Ohio, and Cheryl Acker of Shiloh; one sister, Doris Butler of Richmond, Ky.; one half sister, Vaughn Gorelli of Anderson, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Mabel (Snider) Elliott; two sisters, June Henderson and Dorothy Elliott.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 22, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Roscoe Harmon officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 2580 Federal Drive, Suite 403, Decatur, IL, 62526, research only.

Services were Friday, Aug. 21,

at Werner Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the family.

**Vera McDaniel**  
VERA (DYER) MCDANIEL, 89, of Granite City died Friday, Aug. 21, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Ms. McDaniel was born Sept. 21, 1908, in Clarendon, Ark. She was retired from the International Shoe Co. and a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Lillie Shelsky of Granite City; one brother, Thomas Dyer of Little Rock, Ark.; one sister, Agnes Lambert of Sikeston, Mo.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George McDaniel; sister, Olive Hovner; father, Beverly Dyer; and mother, Lillie Mae (Collins) Dyer.

Visitation will be 11 to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at Davis Funeral Home, 2141 and Cleveland Blvd., Granite City.

Services are pending. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Second Baptist Church.

**William Nelson**  
WILLIAM C. NELSON, 68, of Granite City died Friday, Aug. 21, 1998, at his residence. He was born July 5, 1930, in Harvey.

Mr. Nelson retired from Snap-On Tools as a tool salesman and served in the army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nelson; four sons, Kenneth Nelson of Tarkio, Mo., Raymond Nelson of Tarkio, Mo., Jack Nelson of Alton, Mo., and Joe Nelson of Vienna, Mo.; two daughters, Janet Dyer of Granite City; one sister, Betty Gitter of St. Louis; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Beulah (Bittie) Nelson; and one sister, June Galonsky.

There will be no services. The remains were donated to Washington University in St. Louis for scientific study.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Andrew Timko Jr.**  
ANDREW P. TIMKO JR., 89, of Granite City died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998, at Colonial Care Nursing Home in Granite City.

Mr. Timko was born June 27, 1918. He was a retired produce manager at Schermer's Market and worked for the Metro-East Sanitation District in Granite City. He was a member of the St. Joseph's Slovak Union, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Holy Family Catholic Church, Retail Clerks Local 881, Tri-City Labor Council, Knights of Columbus Council #1098, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, VFW Post #1300, and scout leader for the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Timko was a Democratic 5th precinct Committeeman and Alderman of the 3rd Ward in Granite City, founding member of the Southwestern Illinois Umpires Assn., Granite City Umpires Assn., an IHSA official. He was inducted in both the State of Illinois Hall of Fame for Umpiring and the Granite City Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice (Bolling) Timko; three sons, Richard Timko and Andrew Timko of Madison, John Timko of Minden, and Albert Timko of Maryville; one sister, Dorothy Lesko of Mt. Olive; eight grandchildren; Stephanie Timko of Belleville; Rebecca Mead of St. Charles, Mo.; and "Stephen" Timko of Shrewsbury, Mo.; Molly Hernandez of Elmwood, Mo.; Andrew Timko, Jonathan Timko, and Patricia Timko all of Belleville; and one great-grandchild, Abigail Agne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Barbara Timko Sr.; and two sisters, Mary Yoboy and Julie Kring.

Services were Friday, Aug. 21, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. William Fishers officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Madison County, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, 62040-4799, the American Diabetes Assn., 2650 S. Hanley St., St. Louis, Mo. 63144 or the National Kidney Foundation, 1423 Hanley Industrial Ct., St. Louis,

Mo. 63144.

## Olga Varley

OLGA (TOMICH) VARLEY, 96, of Granite City died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Varley was born Nov. 11, 1901, in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. She was a retired cashier at Laclede Steel and a member of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 222 and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children, Margaret Hindman of Kirkville, Mo., Charles Varley of Orlando, Fla., and Bernadine Asperger of Madison; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Varley Sr.; mother, Annalija Simich; and one brother, Emil Tofant.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Jim Keefery officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund.

**Mary Wittkowski**  
MARY WITTKOWSKI, 77, of Appleton, Fla., died Tuesday, July 21, 1998.

Mrs. Wittkowski was born in St. Louis and moved to Central Florida in 1978. She was a member of the Bride of Christ Church in Ocoee, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Wittkowski; one son, Larry Arnold of Granite City; two daughters, Georgina Bassett of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Sharon Woodson of Granite City; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were at Woodlawn Funeral Home in Orlando, Fla. Burial was in Memorial Park in Orlando, Fla.

The Press-Record/Journal will publish obituaries up to two weeks following the funeral service. Although most obituaries are received from local funeral homes, obituary notices can be sent to the newspaper at: Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040.

## Man arrested for allegedly stalking vice principal

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

A Granite City High School vice principal has accused a student's parent of stalking him, while the parent claims the school official does not live within District 9.

Steve Hamilton has told police that he became scared for his family after David Crouch of the 1500 block of Grand Avenue allegedly began taking pictures of his home and following Hamilton from work.

Crouch's son had been suspended from playing sports for a year, and Hamilton told police that Crouch holds him responsible.

Crouch apparently is angry at Hamilton because Crouch claims Hamilton lives outside School District 9. Hamilton has homes in Pontoon Beach and Glen Carbon but lives in the Pontoon Beach home while his son attends the Glen Carbon address while attending college. Crouch has also filed a claim against Hamilton's insurance, claiming he committed voter fraud.

According to reports, Hamilton told police that in February, Crouch allegedly came into the high school to see him or Principal William Rotter and said that Crouch's manner was threatening.

Hamilton said that on Aug. 10 he was at the Glen Carbon address, which his son uses while attending SIUE.

Hamilton stated that Crouch pulled into his driveway. He made a report to the Glen Carbon Police. Hamilton also told Granite City police that Glen Carbon neighbors had seen a vehicle matching Crouch's driving up and down the street at Hamilton's Fox Trail address.

Hamilton also claims Crouch took his picture from the Schnucks parking lot across from the high school while Hamilton was leaving school Aug. 12. He said there were two other incidents that same day, and Crouch later showed up at Hamilton's Pontoon Beach address.

Crouch was arrested on a stalking warrant last week and was released on \$1,000 bond.

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## More thought needed in development

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Some criticized the board for blindly giving away incentives without any promises. That is probably an unfair criticism.

Truth is, it would be better for more new jobs, but would they rather have no jobs and no development?

They might have been smarter the first time, but hopefully, they learned their lesson. And if economic predictions are correct, they will have plenty of opportunities to do better.

The County Board needs to take a good hard look at the enterprise zone concept, just like municipalities ought to look over TIFs.

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By Becky Vey  
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# Area lawmakers back response against terrorists

By Becky Vollmer  
Staff writer

Congressmen from the area were unanimously supportive of the U.S. military strikes Thursday in Afghanistan and Sudan.

The attacks were aimed at a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan and a chemical plant in Sudan suspected of producing agents for chemical weapons.

President Clinton said the reason for the attacks was twofold: to respond to Aug. 7 bombings at a pair of U.S. embassies in East Africa and to deter future terrorist action against Americans.

Moseley-Braun and Dick Durbin also spoke out in support of President Clinton's decision.

Moseley-Braun said terrorists will be pursued "to the ends of the earth." "I strongly support the action taken today against the terrorist network that attacked the U.S. embassies in Africa," she said in a statement. "The United States must be clear that we will not allow ourselves to be targets for terrorists."

"We will take such steps as are necessary, military or otherwise, to chase terrorists down to the ends of the earth."

"These actions make clear to others contemplating terrorism that we are determined they will pay the ultimate price for their deadly acts."

Dick Durbin

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, called the response Thursday "swift and deliberate."

"I do think it was an appropriate response. We must not tolerate terrorist activity."

He called for a moment of silence during an afternoon gathering of the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation at the regional visitors center under development at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton.

"I would like to ask you to join me now in a moment of silent prayer for our servicemen who are involved in the operations in Afghanistan and Sudan," he said.

Costello said later he was not aware of the strike before it happened but that he got a call from the White House late Thursday morning directing him to "stay tuned to the media for the president's address."

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The embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania killed 220 people, including 12 Americans, and injured more than 5,600.

Durbin, also in a prepared statement, said "those who terrorize and murder innocent Americans must know that they will face swift and certain retaliation."

"Today's actions represent more than an effort to punish those involved in terrorist acts. These actions make clear to others contemplating terrorism that we are determined they will pay the ultimate price for their deadly acts."

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, also backed the attack.

"I support the military actions taken today, ensuring there was sufficient intelligence information available indicating the responsible parties of the embassy bombings were the targets."



Tim Stephenson photo

## Buzz on new business

Fashion Bug has taken over the space left by Walgreens in Nameoki Village. The latter store moved across Nameoki Road. At the grand opening last week were, from left, Robin Thomas, Linda Manis and Jeannie Wilbur, all of First Bank; Linda Mohr, district manager; Ann Fry, assistant manager; Natilie Glasper, sales associate; RC Buch of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce; Trudi Mank, store manager; Erin Perkins, district manager; Susan Riddle; Amy Goble; and Pat McMillan, Pamela Branscum and Reagan Hillis, all sales associates.

## Custodian strike may prevent clean start for school year

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

With the start of classes just days away, members of the union representing custodians at SIUE are vowing to walk the picket line for higher wages.

"We found out that when you compare our wages to those at other state universities, we're at the bottom of the heap," said James Edwards, president of Local 2332 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The workers are negotiating for wages under a contract that is still in effect.

Edwards said his union may strike if the university does not negotiate, but they are going to picket to see if they can persuade some movement.

Pickets were planned for Friday and Saturday at the University Center and Rendleman Building.

Edwards said members of his union start at \$7 an hour, compared with \$9 at other universities, such as Eastern Illinois University and University of Illinois.

But Keith Nichols, the chief spokesman for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, differed with Edwards.

"They are far from being at the bottom of

the heap," Keith Nichols said.

He said the average starting pay for custodians, known as building service workers at the university, is \$5.50 hourly in the St. Louis market. The overall average in the market is \$5.80, he said.

Nichols said the average building service worker makes \$11 at SIUE, and the top rate is \$16 an hour.

"That's before the 3 percent raise that is included in the state appropriation," Nichols said. "They are asking for a 16 percent raise, which is five times more than the state appropriation."

Edwards said SIUE officials have refused to negotiate.

"They just said 'here it is, take it or leave it,'" Edwards said.

Nichols said that the trend in the industry is to contract the work out to a private company.

But the university has attempted to try to work with its own employees while attempting to remain within the state budget.

Edwards said the members of his local are still not happy.

"One university administrator has referred to SIUE as the stepchild of the university system," Edwards said.

"It is time that SIUE stop treating their BSWS as stepchildren and provide equal pay for equal work."

## Mitchell re-files for space on ballot

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

After a year of waiting, Mitchell supporters have filed once more with the courts to place their incorporation on the April ballot.

Attorney James Sinclair filed the petition Thursday on behalf of the Incorporation Committee with the circuit clerk's office in Edwardsville. The signatures of almost 700 people who say they want to be part of Mitchell were filed along with the petition.

A Madison County judge will now decide if Mitchell leaders have met all the necessary requirements.

The Madison County Board approved Mitchell's 7.28-square-mile map on July 15, while tossing aside a non-binding, smaller compromise map offered by Granite City, Pontoon Beach and Edwardsville.

Board members found the larger map met the only two criteria under consideration. The criteria were that the map fits with the county's land use plan — passed in the 1970s — and that the land to be incorporated had a sufficient tax base to support its people.

Mitchell leaders had to wait for one year after filing their first petition in August 1997. At that time, Judge Randall Bone had dismissed their petition based on a County Board decision on Mitchell's first incorporation attempt.

Meanwhile, Granite City has been annexing or plans to annex at least 10 properties mainly from the Nameoki Township area.

The owners of 351 properties in the township have petitioned the courts to remain as they are, unannexed and unincorporated.

What that will do to Mitchell's required numbers remains to be seen.

## Campaign collecting school supplies for needy

The Christian Service Center's Homeless Resource Bank program has started the sixth annual School Supplies 4 Kids campaign that collects new school supplies for distribution to homeless and

needy children throughout the St. Louis Bi-State area. The campaign is sponsored by 4 St. Louis KMOV Television, KHITS 96 FM, Target Stores, and Dr. Pepper. Larry Connors, News 4 St.

Louis anchor and Kevin McCarthy, KHITS 96 FM radio personality, are the campaign's honorary chairmen.

The campaign, the largest of its kind in St. Louis, involves the participation of more than 30 homeless shelters and charities and annually assists more than 6,000 children.

This campaign began July 24 and will continue through Sept. 4.

Donations of new school supplies are needed and may be dropped off at any area Target Store. Collections of supplies by groups can be picked up.

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# Wooden: Closing would devastate area

By Ande Yakstis  
Staff writer

Laclede Steel Co. union president vowed Tuesday to

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work with the company to keep the Alton plant alive and save the jobs of 656 hourly employees. "The economy of the Alton area depends on the life of Laclede Steel Co. and its employees," said Wooden, head of Laclede's United Steelworkers Union Local 3643. The company announced Aug. 12 that it may close either the Alton or Fairless, Pa., tube mills in the face of an \$8.5 million operating loss for the first six months of this year.

Laclede has been a vital part of the economy of the Alton community for 85 years, Wooden said. "The \$24 million Laclede payroll is a big boost to the River Bend," Wooden said. "If the plant ever closed, it would be devastating to Laclede employees and the whole economy of the area."

He called for a cooperative effort of the company, the union, community

leaders and state and national elected officials to keep the Alton plant in operation.

Wooden is working to protect benefits and pensions of 1,600 hourly retired employees and 565 surviving spouses of employees.

"If the plant closed, the Laclede pensions would then fall under the Pension Benefit Guarantees Corp., a federally-funded pension plan," Wooden said. "Health care benefits would be lost to retirees if the plant was shut down."

The local union has asked financial experts of the United Steelworkers of America International Union to review financial records of Laclede's Alton plant operation, Wooden said.

For the second quarter of 1998, Laclede reported operating losses of more than \$7.6 million.

"As soon as our accountant experts complete the study of Laclede financial records, I will notify the union members and the community on the problems that we're facing at the Alton plant," Wooden said.

In the meantime, Wooden has been

"The economy of the Alton area depends on the life of Laclede Steel Co. and its employees."

Terry Wooden

meeting weekly at Alton with Thomas E. Brew Jr., president and chief executive officer of Laclede.

"I'm having meetings and plant tours with Tom Brew to address in-plant problems," Wooden said.

Laclede told stockholders in a letter Aug. 12 that the company is considering a plan to consolidate pipe-making operations at either the Alton or Fairless tube mills.

The Alton pipe-making mill, with 100 employees, is vital to the plant operation and must stay in Alton, Wooden said.

"The tube mill has an impact on the operation of the whole Alton plant," he said.

A union committee met with Tom Calhoun, head of Laclede's

tube-making operation, about the future of the Alton tube mill, Wooden said.

"Tom Calhoun told us that it is doable to keep the Alton tube mill open," he said.

The tube mill produces galvanized and standard pipe products, including fence posts, electric conduits and farm implements.

Wooden commended Brew and the company for spending \$2.7 million in the second quarter of 1998 for maintenance and upgrading of deteriorating machinery at the Alton plant.

"In the past, the management at Laclede failed to do preventive maintenance on the plant's operating machinery," Wooden said. "The company did only patching and repair work on the equipment."

The failure to upgrade operating machinery hurt plant production and created unsafe conditions for employees, Wooden said.

"When you have problems with machinery, you really lose quality of

production, and the steel market is driven by quality," he said. Wooden went to work at Laclede as a laborer 29 years ago and rose to become union president in 1994.

"I've been a steelworker most of my life and I'm dedicating myself to keep the Alton plant open and to protect the jobs," Wooden said.

The history of Laclede in the last 10 years has been to move operations and jobs out of the Alton plant to the company's non-union plants, Wooden said.

The company moved part of the tube mill finishing operation, with 60 jobs, out of Alton to Vandalia in 1992, he said.

In 1994, the wire mill and 200 jobs were moved out of Alton to plants at Fremont, Ind. and Memphis, Tenn., a facility that will now be closed, Wooden said.

Wooden has watched employment at Laclede gradually drop from 3,000 employees to 656. "It's sad to see all the jobs that have gone," he said.

## Man drives from Tennessee to reclaim rescued pooch

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

A Tennessee man drove to Edwardsville to find his lost dog, or more precisely,

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the person who found his dog. John Greer, 37, of Monticello, Tenn., loves his pooch, Banjo, enough to go to a lot of time and expense to get her back.

"She's 13, and I've had her 1 1/2 years," said Greer in an interview Wednesday in Edwardsville. "It's like a child to him," said Deborah Walker, owner of La Best pet services, which is trying to help Greer find the woman who found his dog in Monticello.

Banjo got loose Aug. 6 from the Greer's second back yard and dropped into the local Waffle House, which is not far from an interstate highway.

"He must have gone out for a cup of coffee," said Greer, keeping his sense of humor in spite of his quest to find his mixed breed "Benji dog."

Greer said he was not home when Banjo ran away,

and a woman from Edwardsville found him at the Waffle House and called. "She left a message, but I would not have answered it, anyway, because it was past 3 o'clock in the morning," Greer said the woman seems to be a well-meaning person because she called three times that night.

Apparently not wishing to let the dog loose, the woman took Banjo with her. She left her first name and said she was driving a white van, Greer said.

She called again Aug. 7 and left another message that she would be again passing through Monticello, which is about half-way between Memphis and Chattanooga, Tenn.

"She never showed up, but she called and left another message that she was having car trouble and would try to get it fixed or borrow a car," Greer said. "That was the last I heard from her."

Greer just earned a master's degree in English and is about to start a new job.

He had been in Edwardsville once before, when the Mississippi River

Festival was in full swing. He decided that Edwardsville might be small enough that he stood a chance of tracking down Banjo.

"I couldn't forgive myself if I didn't try," Greer said.

But after he arrived Wednesday, there was no answer at the phone number the woman left. A visit to her address on Devon Court turned up no fender no Banjo and not even a white van.

Greer visited La Best in Edwardsville because he figured a pet-related business might have seen Banjo.

Walker, who offers a wide variety of services at her business, said she would be happy to help.

She offered the use of her telephone number for anyone who finds the pooch or the finder.

She can be reached at 1-800-957-CLIP. Her pager number is 738-1326.

"We offer pet therapy," Walker said. "Perhaps Banjo can use a little counseling when he returns."

"In this case, she was caught in the act of forging the check at the bank, so it's sort of a slam dunk," Evers said.

Clark drove away, but the teller got her license plate number and passed it on to police, Evers said.

## Woman charged for forged checks

By Becky Vollmer  
Staff writer

The first time a 24-year-old woman tried to cash a check belonging to a nursing home resident, she got away with it. The second time as well.

Officials with The Bank of Edwardsville became suspicious on the fourth attempt and called police.

"Finally, a teller got a little wise and started questioning it," said Detective Scott Evers of the Edwardsville Police Department.

Shawna M. Clark of Collinsville was charged Wednesday by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office with four counts of felony forgery. Each of the forgery charges, classified as a Class 3 offense, is punishable by up to five years in prison.

Evers said Clark confessed to the crimes and was taken to the Madison County Jail, where she was being held on \$85,000 bond.

Police said Clark stole at least four checks from a 60-year-old resident of Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon. She cashed three of them during separate trips to The Bank of Edwardsville's Monticello branch for a total of \$600 but was caught Wednesday as she tried to cash a \$200 check, Evers said.

After the bank teller became suspicious, Clark's signature was checked against the victim's signature card and it did not match, Evers said.

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## Jury convicts man of conspiracy

Suspect allegedly connected with Abeln murder

By Jason White  
Staff writer

A jury found Guy Westmoreland guilty of drug conspiracy Thursday in a case that revolved around his role in an alleged murder-for-hire scheme.

A jury in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis found Westmoreland, 36, of Florissant, Mo., guilty of federal charges of dealing marijuana and cocaine. He will be sentenced Nov. 20 and faces 10 years to life in prison.

Westmoreland's attorney, Richard Burke, said Friday that he will appeal the case to the Seventh District Court of Appeals. No direct evidence linked Westmoreland to drug dealing, Burke said.

Jurors heard testimony throughout the trial that Westmoreland arranged the murder of Debra Abeln, the wife of Sappington businessman Richard Abeln, to keep her from telling police about drug dealing involving Abeln and Westmoreland.

A masked gunman shot Debra Abeln twice in the chest with a sawed-off shotgun last Dec. 27 at CRT Aviation at Parks Airport in Saugeat, a business formerly owned by Richard Abeln.

Abeln also owned Jeffco Leasing Inc. in St. Louis County. Both businesses are now owned by his eldest son, Ryan Abeln, 22.

Abeln's two other children are 12 and 15. The 12-year-old and Richard Abeln witnessed Debra Abeln's shooting, which authorities say was made to

look like a robbery. An employee at Westmoreland's gas station, DeAndre Lewis of St. Louis, was recently convicted on federal drug and weapons charges in St. Louis. Prosecutors have not said if they will charge Lewis with being involved in the murder, although Lewis told police that

he witnessed another Westmoreland employee shoot Debra Abeln.

The trial of Richard Abeln starts in February. He faces drug charges and a federal charge of transporting a person in interstate commerce with the intent that murder be committed.

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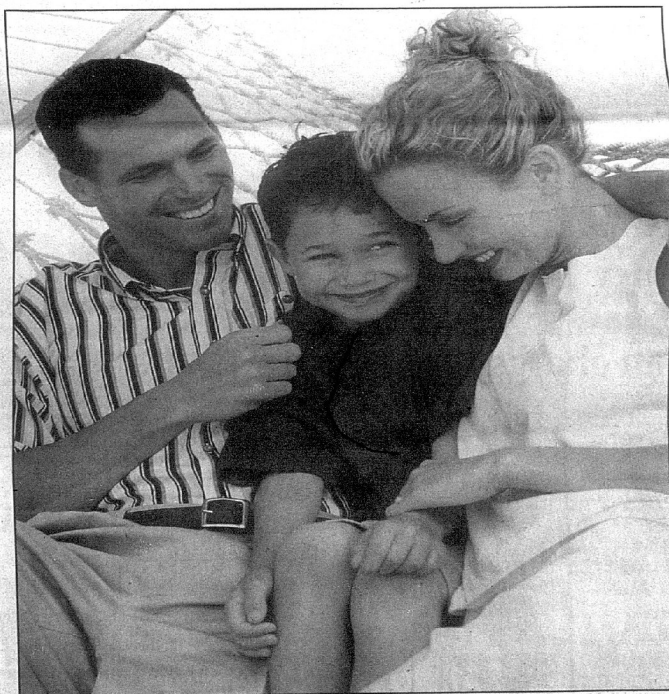
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## A New You



Catherine Galasso

Let the fragrance of God breathe through you. Don't take your daily life for granted. Be thankful if you have two eyes to see the beauty that surrounds you, two ears to hear the sounds of birds or two strong legs to take you to the destination of your choice.

Remind yourself of all of your benefits. "I may not be perfect, but parts of me are excellent," says Janet Arena, president of Stone Academy in Hamden, Conn. "If you apply that to your daily life, you will always have something to

"You can do it. There are no impossible dreams. Share your heart with others without any thought of reward or payment. Blessings will be showered upon you and a rainbow in glorious colors will follow in your footsteps."

contribute to life, to people and to your work."

Learn from the experience of others. Trust your intuition and accept guidance from those who may have greater insight. If a situation is bothering you, deal with it at that time. Do not go day after day worrying about a problem. Your life is too valuable to waste it on worry.

How about your beloved, the one you have chosen to cherish and keep? Sometimes, the ones closest to us are the ones we overlook. Don't forget to acknowledge those attributes in your spouse that caused you to fall in love in the first place.

A warm embrace of praise

to your loved one can wash away any harshness of the day. A gentle touch, a helping hand and a kind word can let others know that they are loved and appreciated.

"Spend time with the people who you love and who love you," says Darlene Cavalier of New Haven, Conn. Take time now to show your affection and be good to each other. Tomorrow is not promised. So, I tell you, my dear readers, to savor each breath. While your heart still beats, live and be happy. Explore your world, your innermost dreams and pursue the impossible.

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impossible dreams. Share your heart with others without any thought of reward or payment. Blessings will be showered upon you and a rainbow in glorious colors will follow in your footsteps. Open your beautiful eyes and witness the lovely surroundings that God created, especially for you. Life is your gift from

God. What you do with it is your gift to Him.

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The holiday also signals one more thing. It's time for step 4 in Frank's complete lawn care program.

Along about now or next week, your lawn could stand a feeding of Frank's Fall Lawn Food or Weed & Feed. Which one? Depends on what your lawn looks like. If it's relatively weed free, go with the Fall Lawn Food; it will provide your lawn with all it needs to store up energy for the upcoming winter.

If there's an abundance of weeds in your lawn, hold off on the Lawn Food for a while. Instead, give the lawn Weed & Feed. In about two or three weeks, apply the Fall Lawn Food.

There's a good chance those weeds in the lawn are dandelions. Although there may be no yellow blooms, they're still there. Now's the time to get rid of them.

Dandelions are storing up energy for the winter, and they'll absorb the weed killer better, which is why now is the best time.

In a few weeks or so, around Columbus Day, you can apply step 4, Fall Lawn Food.

Make your lawn happier now, and you'll have a happier Labor Day spending it doing what you like.

**Mushrooms**  
Have you ever noticed mushrooms peeking up from the lawn now and then, especially after a rainfall? Ever wonder why and what you can do about them?

The mushroom is the above-ground fruiting or reproductive structure of a fungus that lives on and helps to decay organic matter found in the soil, usually wood. There could

be any number of things buried beneath your lawn, from partially rotted roots to pieces of lumber left over from when the house was built. But don't place too much blame on the builder. It's next to impossible to build a house and keep track of every little scrap of wood. Something's bound to get buried.

Good news and bad news. Most mushrooms won't do any damage to your lawn. Now for the bad news. There's nothing you can do to get rid of them. Well, almost nothing. You could dig up your entire lawn and search for anything buried, but that's a little excessive and expensive for a few harmless mushrooms. The only practical solution is to wait until everything down there completely rots. It may take years, but that's the way it is.

You can, however, prevent future mushroom infestations by exercising care when working on outdoor building projects. Pick up as many scrap pieces of wood as you can when finished. The more pieces that get buried, the more chances for mushrooms.

Never, under any circumstances, eat the mushrooms, since many of them are poisonous. Of course many aren't, but if you aren't familiar with them and can't tell the difference, eating one is a risky situation. It's best to visit the local store for those T-bone toppers.

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Rogina Knipping celebrates a birthday today, Aug. 23.

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anniversary Aug. 28.

Irene Wein celebrates a birthday Aug. 28.

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Irvin and Becky Slate celebrate their wedding anniversary Aug. 28.

Ryan Kite celebrates a birthday Aug. 28.

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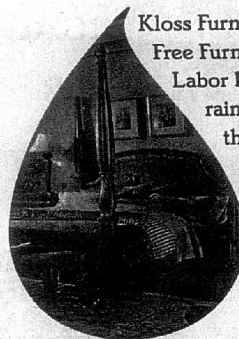
Dustin Hoffman celebrates a birthday Aug. 29.

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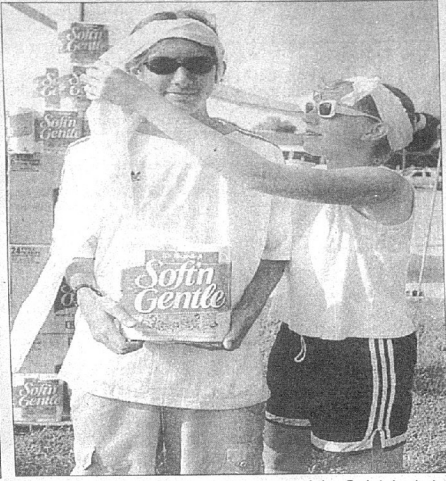
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## Band holds fund-raiser with a soft touch



John Swistak photos

### That's a wrap....

Collingsville High School band members recently entertained motorists on Beltline Road. Band members tried just about anything to promote the sale of toilet paper. Above right, Lindsay Kusmierczak, 15, of Collingsville makes a headband for senior Matt Little, 16, of Collingsville. Both are band members. Above left, members of the band with their wares.

## Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the St. Clair County Clerk's Office:

George Allen Jr. and Carolyn Cotton, both of East St. Louis.  
Terry Beasley and Rosetta Walker, both of Alorton.  
Justin Cahill and Kristina McCaw, both of Summerfield.  
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Brian French and Teresa Duncan, both of Belleville.  
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Michael Hayden and Tabatha Tooley, both of Collinsville.  
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James Hiscorn Sr. and Michelle Delisle, both of Collinsville.  
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Aaron Jolly of North Woods, Mo., and Alicia Ashford of Fairview Heights.  
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David Mason and Barbara Shaw, both of Belleville.  
Michael Marshall of Granite City and Kathy Wolf of Fairmont City.  
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Charles McKinney of East St. Louis and Elizabeth Agnew of Centerville.  
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Frederick Nunez of Fairmont City and Crystal Ward of Belleville.  
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James Rose of Leander, Texas, and Tara Boyd of Belleville.  
Frank Rosenberg and Erika Rlesier, both of Belleville.  
Joe Royal and Luveda McGee, both of Alorton.  
John Schaefer and Jane White, both of Belleville.  
Kenneth Sheppard Sr. and Kathy Scherby, both of O'Fallon.  
David Sickmeier and Kelly Keel, both of Dupu.  
Toby Snowden and Amanda Parks, both of Highland.  
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Brian Sturm of St. Louis and Lisa Wesinkay of Belleville.  
Don Timmermann and Laverne Crockett, both of Caseyville.  
Kevin M. Vanessa and Christine Berkmann, both of Belleville.  
Steven Venatta and Teresa Antonio, both of Cahokia.  
Kent Young Sr. and Margo McKinney, both of O'Fallon.  
Maz Adams Sr. and Malinda Hegerman, both of Belleville.  
Martin Babinski of Fairview Heights and Cathy Woods of Belleville.  
Isiah Beckum Jr. and Patricia Jones, both of East St. Louis.  
Anthony Bell of Dallas and Laura West of O'Fallon.  
Steven Bradley and Leslie Jung, both of Millstadt.  
Montez Brownlee of Alorton and Latrice Bell of Cahokia.  
Leonard Burnett of East St. Louis and Catherine Blackmon of Belleville.  
Gary Gilley and Cathy Brooks, both of Belleville.  
Kirk Gravis and Jaime Forashee, both of Belleville.  
Dartaneon Gress of Belleville and Triona Perry of East St. Louis.  
Robin Hall and Tina Cleamer, both of Belleville.  
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Film timetable for Wednesday, Aug. 26. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

## AVALEN

4225 S. Kingshighway, 352-2424  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:15, 6:30  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 4:00  
The X-Files (PG-13) 9:15

CARMIE PETITE  
570 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.  
344-709

Blade (R) 7:05, 9:35  
The Avengers (PG-13) 7:10, 9:10  
Snake Eyes (R) 7:30, 9:40  
The Parent Trap (PG) 1:30, 4:30  
Halloween H2O (R) 9:40

## CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

545 Crestwood Plaza, 866-8500  
Blade (R) 1:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:40, 8:15, 10:20  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 2:00, 5:05, 7:55, 10:20  
The Parent Trap (PG) 12:00, 2:55, 5:45, 8:30

The Parent Trap (PG) 1:15, 4:45  
The Negotiator (R) 8:20  
Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30  
Madeline (PG) 1:10  
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 3:00, 7:30, 10:05

Air Bud 2 (G) 12:30, 2:45  
Return To Paradise (R) 5:10, 7:35, 10:20  
There's Something About Mary (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15  
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

## CREVE COEUR CINE

10570 Old Olive Street Road, 822-4900  
Snake Eyes (R) 4:45, 7:05, 9:15  
The Avengers (PG-13) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 4:30, 8:00

## CROSS KEYS CINEMA

110 Cross Keys Shopping Center, 821-8999  
Lindbergh & New Healer Ferry, 921-8999  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:45  
Titanic (PG-13) 8:00  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30  
The X-Files (PG-13) 9:05

## EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Allen, Ill. 254-5289  
Halloween H2O (R) 5:00, 7:20  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) 4:10, 7:30  
The Parent Trap (PG) 4:00, 6:45  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 4:20, 8:00  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 4:40, 7:30  
Blade (R) 4:20, 7:10

## COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill. 855-6390  
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 7:15  
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 7:00  
Six Days Seven Nights (PG-13) 7:30

## ESQUIRE CINE

5706 Clayton Road, 821-3300  
Dance With Me (PG)  
Blade (R)  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R)  
Halloween H2O (R)  
There's Something About Mary (R)  
Snake Eyes (R)  
Air Bud 2 (G)  
The Negotiator (R) Check theater for times

## GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722  
Dead Man On Campus (R)  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13)  
The Avengers (PG-13)  
The Mask Of Zorro (PG-13)  
Saving Private Ryan (R)  
Ever After (PG-13)  
The Parent Trap (PG) Check theater for times

## HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

8200 Target Drive, 822-4900  
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 12:00, 2:10  
The Negotiator (R) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:25  
Snake Eyes (R) 12:00, 2:35, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25  
Halloween H2O (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30  
The Parent Trap (PG) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00  
Return To Paradise (R) 9:40  
Blade (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 10:00  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:15  
Armageddon (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:30  
Dead Man On Campus (R) 12:35, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35  
Dance With Me (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50  
The Avengers (PG-13) 12:45, 5:20, 8:00, 11:00  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) 12:55, 2:55, 4:55, 7:00, 9:05  
Air Bud 2 (G) 11:30  
Armageddon (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:30

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## KELLER PLAZA 6 CINE

Lemay Ferry & Mehl Avenue, 822-4900  
Air Bud 2 (G) 1:30, 5:00  
Lethal Weapon 4 (R) 7:05, 9:45  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 1:05, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30  
The Parent Trap (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05  
Return To Paradise (R) 9:40  
Blade (R) 1:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55  
The Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 8:05  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) 1:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20  
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 1:50, 4:50  
The Negotiator (R) 7:10, 9:50  
There's Something About Mary (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:25, 9:55

## KENRICK 8 CINE

7505 Watson Road, 822-4900  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:00, 7:30  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 5:00, 8:00  
Halloween H2O (R) 4:30, 12:10  
Dance With Me (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45  
Armageddon (PG-13) 1:15, 5:15, 8:15  
The Avengers (PG-13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:15, 9:35  
Dead Man On Campus (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55  
Snake Eyes (R) 1:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40  
Ever After (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

## KIRKWOOD CINEMA

338 S. Kirkwood Road, 855-1161  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 2:45, 6:00, 9:10  
The Avengers (PG-13) 3:30, 5:30, 7:15, 9:15  
The X-Files (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45  
A Perfect Murder (R) 7:15, 9:30  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 7:05, 9:25

## LINDBERGH 8

7545 S. Lindbergh, 487-0617  
Paulie (PG) 2:45, 4:45  
Deep Impact (PG-13) 7:35  
The X-Files (PG-13) 3:15, 7:15  
Godzilla (PG-13) 2:30, 5:25, 8:30  
The X-Files (PG-13) 3:25, 6:05, 8:45  
A Perfect Murder (R) 2:40, 5:20, 8:15  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 3:30, 7:30  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:10  
City Of Angels (PG-13) 3:20, 5:45, 8:20

## NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-4630  
There's Something About Mary (R) 7:15  
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 6:45

## NORTH TWIN DRIVE-IN

9425 Lewis & Clark, 822-4900  
Blade (R) 8:30  
Halloween H2O (R) 10:45  
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 8:30  
The Negotiator (R) 10:50

## NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11155 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 281-0885  
The Avengers (PG-13) 1:45, 5:45, 7:50  
Madeline (PG) 1:40, 5:35  
The Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 1:35  
Lethal Weapon 4 (R) 2:00, 5:40, 8:10  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:45, 5:45, 8:00  
Armageddon (PG-13) 1:40, 4:45, 7:45  
Mulan (G) 1:35, 5:40  
Halloween H2O (R) 7:30  
Halloween H2O (R) 2:15, 6:00, 7:55  
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 1:55, 5:50

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How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

## SHADY OAK CINE

Forst and Hanley Road, 727-2519  
Return To Paradise (R) 5:15, 7:45

## SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDSVILLE

6833 Center Grove Rd., 859-7469  
Air Bud 2 (G) 2:00, 4:05  
Snake Eyes (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 6:50, 9:20  
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Armageddon (PG-13) 1:20, 5:00, 8:00  
Ever After (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10

## TIVOLI

6350 Delmar, 862-1100  
Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss (R) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30  
PI (R) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
Smoke Signals (PG-13) 4:50, 7:00, 9:10

## WEST OLIVE 16

12057 Olive, 514-1616  
Wrongfully Accused (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30  
Blade (R) 2:20, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55  
Dead Man On Campus (R) 12:10, 2:35, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
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There's Something About Mary (R) 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40

## WESTPOINT

910 Westpoint Plaza, 822-4900  
Spanish Prisoner (PG) 5:00, 7:15  
Opposite Of Sex (R) 5:00, 7:00

# Horoscope

SUNDAY, AUG. 23  
With the sun and moon both firmly deposited in Virgo, hard work will pay off and long hours will not go unnoticed. But there's no resting on your laurels under these hard-working skies. Mercury goes direct today after almost a month of retrograde motion, and gradually, you will feel your optimism returning.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get up! Get out! Exploring other interests is your dormant but divine calling and clears the way to romance. Neighborly gestures are nice, but dedicating a few hours to the truly needy will make you feel like a million bucks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may not think you are the star attraction, but you can be if you want it. Societal defenses eclipse your raving beauty. Practical duties rule the evening hours. You can never retrieve wasted time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is not too late to heal a father-child relationship — all it takes is a change in the way you think about it. Applying your work principles to a love affair brings unimagined results. Cancer shows you where the money is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Wishful thinking may feel like intuition and vice versa. Let results speak louder than projections. A bittersweet remembrance could bring back a lost love. A stoic Capricorn puzzles you deeply.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Bring back an old theme — freedom and limitless creativity. Life feels you do what you want if you wake up and decide not to let anyone stand in the way. Timid efforts fail, so go all out.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23). You find suitable partnership this year that matches your expanding awareness. Give it all you've got — maybe get married in September. A powerful friend or mentor helps you find career luck and advancement in October. Winter vacations are more fun this year when you exclude family. Gemini and Capricorn are dynamic, sexy counterparts. Your lucky numbers are 2, 14, 29 and 50.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you err on the side of self-promotion, nobody will

blame you. The line between confidence and arrogance is somewhat blurred. For the formerly brokenhearted, fading memories will be replaced by exceptional new love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't evaluate your family relationships — just be kind when you have the opportunity, and it all works out in a constructive way. It's OK to be unabashed about your own talents. Others enjoy your work. No. 11 is lucky.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You could make a sale or win a contest this afternoon. Money is attracted to you. You have more insight than others are able to take in. Successful romance requires more thought than you've been giving lately.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You tend to be obsessed by thoughts of "Will I stay or will I go?" Wondering keeps you from using opportunity to your advantage. Be different from your friends by showing compassion instead of laughing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A medium effort is never enough for you, though others will be satisfied wholly. Trying too hard doesn't benefit you today. A chance to profit greatly from a burning "Taurus" mistake creates a dilemma. Trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take a chance in love, and you win a heart. An Aries puts you on the spot. A child who thinks of you as a judge instead of a fan will be non-compliant. Allow romance room to breathe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A Gemini who is back in town is fabulous company as well as a valuable contact. Give an indecisive love interest space. What you release comes back to you.

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## Events calendar

### Community

**A MUSCULAR DISTROPHY BARBECUE** is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 3025 National Ave., in Granite City. Come down and help the letter carriers of Granite City "cook up a cure" in support of MS research. The menu includes porksteaks or two bratwursts, potato salad, baked beans and a drink. Cost is \$5.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH** in Madison is holding its 88th Annual Picnic on Aug. 28-30 at 10th and Lee streets. There will be food, booths, refreshments, games, carnival rides, cash prizes, music and dancing. The schedule includes: Friday —

grounds open 5 to 11 p.m. with a fish fry starting at noon and music by the Dave Hylla Band from 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday — grounds open from 3 to 11 p.m. with barbecue pork steaks starting at noon plus music by the Dave Hylla Band 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday — grounds open noon to 10 p.m. with chicken dinners served in the air-conditioned hall from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and music from 8 to 10 p.m. by the Dynamics Band. Costs for the chicken dinner are adults, \$6; children 8-12, \$3 and children under 5 free.

### Stage plays-musicals

The MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE is presenting a summer

musical, "Black & Tan Fantasy." (The Black and Tan Fantasy is the title of one of Duke Ellington's compositions.)

Featured vocalists include Madra Thomas, Jeff Hardin, Ron and Linda Carter and the director of the musical, Reggie Thomas. The musical production will focus on the contributions of African-Americans to this country's heritage in music. Emphasis will be given to Duke Ellington's music, as well as other blues and jazz composers.

Other features include the Madison County Gospel Choir and the Madison County Big Band. Performances are 8 p.m. Aug. 28 and 29 and 3 p.m. Aug. 30 at Lewis and Clark Community College Hatheway Auditorium, 5800 Godfrey Road in Godfrey. Advance ticket

prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors 65 and older and children 12 and under; door prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors.

Advance tickets are available at Famous-Barr stores in Alton Square, Jamestown Mall, St. Clair Mall and downtown St. Louis; the Market Basket in Edwardsville; and Winds & Strings Music Shop, Dick's Flowers, Madison County Urban League, WBQZ Radio Station and Depper's Family Restaurant, all in Alton. Call the Urban League at 463-1906 for group rates for 15 or more people.

### Music-Concerts

The GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY

BAND begins its 12th season Aug. 27 with its second annual sight-reading concert. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Pavilion in Wilson Park.

Conductor Butch Mastemacher and band members invite anyone who has played a band instrument to participate in the concert. No one is too rusty or busy to play. Mastemacher says, as many current members once thought that way and are rehearsing now.

The band will not rehearse for this concert, and most of the members and visiting musicians will be playing the musical selections for the first time.

Selections for the program will be "Rio Bravo" by John Edmundson; "American Heritage Overture" by

James Ployhar; "Highlights from Gypsy" arranged by Paul Yoder; "Karlson Kaleidoscope" arranged by Paul Lavender; "Star-Spangled Spectacular" arranged by John Cacavas; "Big Band Bash" arranged by Bob Lauder; "Aerostar March" by Eric Osterling; "Military Escort" by Harold Bennett and "Rock My Soul" by Eric Osterling. Musicians who participate should bring their instrument and a music stand.

The public is invited and there is no charge for admission. For more information about the band or the sight-reading concert call Linda at 931-0443 or Butch 345-2075.

## Many scholarships available

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for students with good grades, low-income families or the athletically inclined.

A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include left-handed student scholarships, handicapped student scholarships, church membership scholarships, David Letterman's Scholarship for "C" Students, veteran children's scholarships, scholarships for minorities and more.

The general public is not aware that more than \$10 billion is available to students from private sector scholarships, with more than \$20.4 billion available from the federal government.

In a U.S. Congressional study, it was reported that more than \$6.6 billion of private sector financial aid went unused because parents and students did not know where to apply.

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There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours researching scholarship sources. The groups, all American Educational Excellence members, have a list of more than 400 addresses, telephone numbers, application deadlines and scholarship summaries.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition, otherwise, students may combine applicable scholarships together to form one large tuition payment. Most scholarships include junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four-year colleges, graduate schools and medical and law schools.

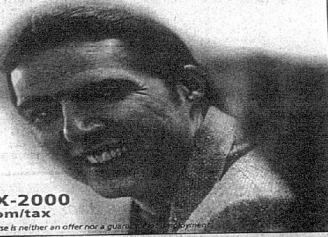
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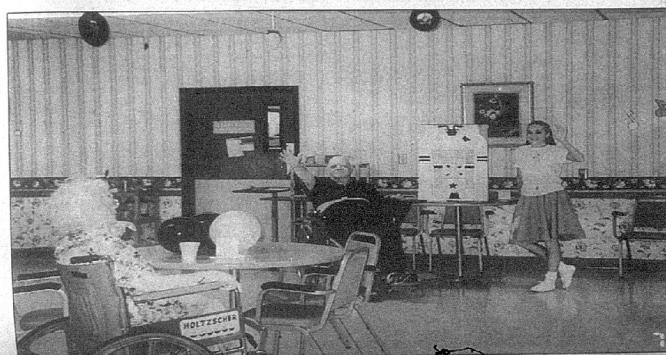
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Dorothy Swiatek, at top, and Mary Veiser, middle, look at birds. Above, residents enjoy music at the sock hop.

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School District #9  
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FIRST DAY OF ATTENDANCE:  
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Elementary	8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Except Maryville School	8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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## Eagles Auxiliary 1126 attends state convention

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 attended the state convention. Attending from Granite City were members of the escort team: Angie Buehler, captain; Joanna Spencer; Mildred Boyd; Rose Piechowski; La Verne Malinski; Christine Wells; Evalene Ederle; Tiny Turcott; and Jane Moore. They competed and won first place.

The ritual team included Buehler, conductor; Pat Fitchett, president; Barbara Modrusie, vice president; Millie Weatherford, chaplain; Spencer, junior past president; and Nina Jackson, protom junior past president. They completed and took third place.

Delegates attending were Hilda Melton, Katie Kostoff, Barbara Ramsey Land, Jackson, Boyd and Ederle. Opening ceremony was Thursday at 12:30 p.m. with Lucille "Hambone" Lewis, grand madam president; Ruth Brown, madam state president; Tom Shaunnessy, mayor of Berwyn; Sharon Deheve, regional chairman; and Stephanie Smith, charity chairman.

Past madam presidents, state officers and chairmen were escorted into the meeting hall.

A roll call was taken. There were 36 auxiliaries reporting with a total of 199 in attendance on the first day. Lorraine Glancy, state



secretary, read the state disaster fund and membership account report.

Two members from Granite City were placed as committee chairman. They were Jackson,

visual aid, and Spencer, president's book.

Class initiation was held at 7 p.m. with one new member being initiated. Granite City escort team, along with District 1 Ritual Team, performed the ceremony.

A memorial service was held to honor our members who have passed away during the last year. The service was conducted by past presidents, state officers and chairman. A candle was lit for each deceased member.

Brown held her reception following these ceremonies.

Pauline Bowen, state chaplain, opened the third session with a prayer, and Lewis gave the obligation.

Sharon Deheve won a special election for Grand Aerie representative.

39 auxiliaries attended this session with a total of 196 total in attendance. 13 members were from Granite City.

Granite City received the following awards for their charitable donations: heart fund, first place, \$4,785.26 (they also received a trophy); cancer fund, third place, \$1,743.33; kidney fund, second place, \$860; golden eagle, second place, \$875.

Alzheimer's, first place, \$1,205; child abuse, first place, \$1,673.82; eagles education, \$875; and state project, fourth place, \$1,814.08 — Burn Camp For Kids.

School of instruction was held in the afternoon with many informative answers for dual membership.

Saturday the day began with a prayer breakfast with the Rev. Smith officiating. Diana Garrison, a past state president who is terminally ill, and all other members who are ill were remembered in prayer.

Third session was held on Saturday afternoon. Virginia Kinnert and Corrine Newman, past state presidents, who passed away this year.

Awards for the president's book, publicity book and visual aids were given. Granite City got second place for publicity book; first place for visual aid.

Angie Buehler received "outstanding conductor" in the state and was named state grandmother for the upcoming year.

Angie and Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer received a gift from Brown for those who are 50 or more year members.

The president and past presidents participated in the president's parade of flags. Jackson and Boyd were escorted into the room by Preston Brown.

Installation of state officers for the 1998-99 year and the closing ceremony was held on Sunday morning.

The following officers were installed: Junior Past President Ruth Brown; President Theresa McWhinnie; Springfield; Vice President Pauline Bowen; Chaplain Karen Piest; Conductor Wanda Trent; Inside Guard Elaine Jagla; Shiloh; Outside Guard Sheila Govin; Secretary Lorraine Glancy; Treasurer Rita Cuoco; Alton; and Trustees Connie Williams, Ronnie McQueen, Elenore Everingham, and Mary Oyen; Eagle Education two years, Ila Mae Kloth; Eagle Education one year, Joan Watkins; Membership Chairman Martha Howlett; Alton; State Project Elaine Jagla; Shiloh; and State Auxiliary Mother Helen Meyer, Alton.

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# Area schools debate tightening standards

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

Should high school students who want to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities be required to do better than maintain a D average?

That's a question area school officials have been forced to answer in the wake of the state Legislature's passage last December of a "no pass, no play" policy. But the answer most have settled upon at this point is: a D average should be sufficient.

Some school officials defend the low grade requirements by saying they help keep some students in school who might otherwise drop out.

But others say the minimal requirements do little to encourage students to put out the same effort in the classroom that they might on the football field. And they note that top athletes who have just barely gotten by in high school often start when they try to go on to college. effect that poor performance in high school has on those in college. Athletes who are not prepared academically when they reach the college level often have to take 24-27 additional credit hours, he said. These students have to take developmental courses to prepare them for college level courses.

Harrington said under National Junior College Athletic Association guidelines, students entering the community college remain eligible the first semester by passing 12 credit hours with a 1.75 grade point average. At the end of the second semester, the student must have passed 12 hours with a 2.0 GPA to continue to be eligible, Harrington said.

"If these kids want to play sports at the college level, they need to know the emphasis is placed on academics rather than sports," Harrington said.

"If you take them out, sometimes they do worse. It makes some students work harder so they can stay in sports."

Dennis Grimmer  
Principal

But Dennis Grimmer, principal of O'Fallon Township High School, said the lower grade requirements do help keep some kids in school.

"If you take them out, sometimes they do worse," he said. "It makes some students work harder so they can stay in sports."

Leo Heffner, superintendent of Belleville District 201, said you could argue both sides of the issue.

"For some kids the 1.0 grade point average isn't enough. They can do better," he said. "Other kids may be taking subjects that are too difficult and they are doing the best they can."

Steve Balen, Granite City Community School District superintendent, said he personally would like to see the standards higher for all extracurricular activities, as they are for Student Council and Honor Society.

"I would like to see them higher myself, but they (the current standards) do work," Balen said.

Many schools said the performance of low-achieving student-athletes is monitored on a weekly basis. At OTHS a weekly printout listing students who are in danger of becoming ineligible is provided to the coach or sponsor of the student, Grimmer said.

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Jay Harrington  
BAC athletic director

someone other than the teacher to talk with the student and ask what is going on," Grimmer said. "We've found this to be very effective."

The process is similar at Triad High School, where athletic director Edward Cange said teachers report grades weekly and students who fall below the minimum requirements are removed from the athletic squads.

O'Fallon High School Board member Dr. Ron Thouvenot said he questioned the ISHA about the eligibility standards a couple years ago.

He said while he'd like to see the minimum grade point average raised, "it's like a double-edged sword."

Thouvenot, who also serves on the Central Grade School Board in O'Fallon, said he believes the athletic programs keep some students in school.

"At least, if they stay in school, they will get some array of education," he said. But Fonzy Coleman, principal at East St. Louis Senior High, said the importance of academic achievement should not be ignored. East St. Louis High School may raise the minimum requirement this year, he said.

"We have to stress the importance of academics for athletes. It (raising the requirements) will help further their career," he said.

# Schools dropping ball on prep requirements

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school-supported" activity.

Most area schools follow Illinois High School Association guidelines for eligibility in both sports and extracurricular activities.

IHSAA requires students to pass 20 credit hours of high school work per week, the equivalent of four "full-credit" courses. Courses such as band, chorus, driver's education and physical education are not considered full credit. Passing means a D or better in classes and many area schools use a D average (1.0) as the minimum requirement.

School districts that are using the IHSAA guidelines include: Granite City, Madison, Belleville 201, East St. Louis, O'Fallon Township, Columbia, Waterloo and Triad.

Tom Hernandez, principal communications consultant of the Illinois State Board of Education, said it is up to each school to determine the grade or grade point average requirement for eligibility.

The "no pass, no play" legislation, approved last December, extended the IHSAA criteria to include all extracurricular activities.

"The chess club, newspaper, yearbook...any extracurricular activity is included under the guidelines," Hernandez said.

Schools that are non-members of IHSAA must come up with a policy similar to "no pass, no play" by Dec. 31 and file an annual report to the State Department of Education on the effects of the policy by Dec. 31, 1999, Hernandez said.

Among area districts surveyed by the Journal, only one has adopted standards tougher than the IHSAA's 1.0 average. The Alton School District Tuesday established a 1.7 grade point average for participation in extracurricular activities. Students will be monitored weekly under the new policy.

Any student failing to meet the criteria will be suspended from the activity for one week or until the specified academic criteria are met, whichever is longer. Students who have been designated ineligible for failing to meet the criteria are required to attend a tutorial program.

The Duplo School Board is scheduled to discuss the topic at its meeting Tuesday night.

East St. Louis High School Principal Fonzy Coleman said the school is considering raising its requirements, although nothing definite has been decided.

Officials of other area districts could not be reached for comment.

# Familiar trends, good business hit stores

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

Business picked up at local stores last week as students and parents shopped for back to school bargains.

It was deja vu for parents who were raised in the 1970s as they helped their children search for platform shoes, bellbottoms and carpenter pants.

Long lines at the cash register and parents holding school supply lists were common sights.

Tami Kimbrell, a Target employee, said although they have been busy over the last month, business picked up last week.

"This week has been so busy we needed a traffic light in the back to school aisle," said Kimbrell.

She added that the most

common items like pencils and paper are in bulk, and are easy to keep in stock.

Certain items that are popular tend to go quickly.

"Anything that has the Spice Girls on it goes fast," Kimbrell said. "They must be really hot right now."

Becky Grogan, an employee of Gluks at St. Clair Square, said business has been picking up.

"The most popular things in the store right now are vests, sweaters, carpenter pants and wide-leg jeans," Grogan said.

At Footaction USA, Air Max 95 and Air Jordans are popular, even at \$139-\$149 per pair.

Tanika Hanner, cashier and sales person, said business has picked up, especially on evenings and weekends.

"This is our best time next to Christmas," she said.

Amber Landry and Valerie Median of Edwardsville were busy shopping with their parents. The girls said they were interested in bellbottoms or anything sporting the name Hilfiger or Guess.

Rick Landry, their father, said he tried something different with the girls this year.

"I'm letting them be independent," he said. "I gave them the money and they are making their own choices. If they end up with only four outfits, they will just have to wear them more often."

Landry said prices seem a little higher this year.

"We have been trying to hit the sales, but prices still seem to be high," he said.



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# Motion buys time for possible appeal of annexation ruling

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On July 22, the annexation of more than 600 acres on Chouteau Island, including the Chain of Rocks Landfill and the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, was upheld by DeLaurenti, who dismissed the suit challenging the constitutionality of the law enabling the annexation.

At the time he announced the decision, DeLaurenti said he saw "potential problems" with the legislation and was not "terribly excited" about the way it was written but said Metz did not provide enough evidence to overcome the presumption that the legislation was valid.

In October 1996, the city of Madison annexed the land on the lower half of Chouteau Island. The actual annexations involved eight individual tracts of land, all owned by Waste Management Inc.

Later, Haine filed a complaint seeking to block that annexation, saying the action was unconstitutional.

DeLaurenti entered a directed verdict in favor of the city after about four hours of arguments by Metz and Madison City Attorney Casper Nighohossian.

In arguments for the dismissal, Nighohossian said both statute and case law gave the state's attorney's office a "heavy burden" to prove that the law was unconstitutional and that Metz had provided no such evidence.

Metz countered by saying that the law was unconstitutional because it was

a special legislation to benefit only one municipality — Madison.

The legislation allowing the annexations was part of an amendment by State Sen.

Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, to another bill.

The amendment allows a municipality — in a county of more than 250,000 people

bordered by the Mississippi River with property on both the mainland and the island — to bypass federally owned land to annex other property on the island.

Nighohossian said that because the approval of all interested governmental bodies — Madison, the county and Granite City — would have been required to annex the

federal land, all municipalities were effectively blocked from annexing because Madison County officials would never approve the annexation.

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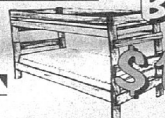
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### Bases still face closing

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Military Airlift Command. During the last round of base closures BRAC had initially recommended closing Price — primarily because it was considered to be closely tied to the Aviation and Troop Command in Huntsville, Ala. That recommendation was later reversed when local leaders were able to convince the commission that the base had other uses.

"Both of those installations are very important to our local economy and important to the area," Costello said. "I intend to make sure those who will be in the position of making the decisions in the next round understand the importance of those facilities to our area, as well as our defense capabilities."

In June, Price Center commander Lt. Col. Keith Armstrong told community leaders he had been ordered to prepare a Report of Excess, which details the base's current occupants and operations.

The Army Material Command, which serves as the landlord for the base, no longer wants to pay the overhead costs at Price.

"They only use about 10 percent of the facility, and they are saying now as we are in these times of reducing the budget, we can no longer pay for all the overhead," he said. "One of those is turning the facility into a training center for the U.S. Army Reserves."

One factor that may help Scott is the relocation of the 126th Air Refueling Wing from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

"It will help us; that's one of the reasons I fought so hard to bring the 126th from Chicago to Scott," Costello said. "It's another mission at Scott. It will mean about 1200 part-time jobs and 300 full-time jobs."

The 126th's mission will be to refuel fighter jets using KC-135 tankers.

"It's a mission that will not only bring jobs to the area, but it will also mean about \$40 million every year to our local economy."

In addition to the yearly boost to the economy, the military runway at Scott is being extended to handle the larger planes, and a new command center is being built for the unit.

"There will be \$80-\$100 million spent in construction to build the command center for the air refueling wing and to base their aircraft there, so it's a major boost, not only to Scott but our local economy."

That is in addition to approximately \$100 million in improvements made to the base in the past few years. But Costello said that did not necessarily mean Scott is immune from closure.

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## Warriors seek some instant gratification

### Granite City tries to build on strong finish to 1998-99 season

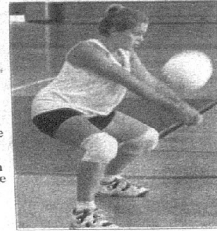
By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City volleyball team flirted with .500 last year before exploding with a post-season win streak. The Warriors won the IHSA Class AA regional tournament before bowing out to Highland in the sectionals.

Warriors coach Beth Seel, in her second year on the Granite City sidelines, sees some overlap from her rookie campaign that she hopes will translate into victories and consistency.

"I think the key to our success last year was that we had some skilled, star players that developed leadership qualities toward the end of the season," Seel said. "Once they had gained some experience in using that leadership, and spread it around, we started to win."

"In the first part of the season, we couldn't get it together. In the second half, we really peaked. I was proud of the way the team came together."



This year, Seel hopes to build on that turnaround and employ her players' hard-won experience in the service of the win column — without the half-season wait.

"We've got five seniors on the team and they all have varsity experience," said Seel. "Jessica Kunnik and Bream Chastain are tall middle hitters. We always look for great things out of them — big blocks and big hits. Leah Gamblin is really good on defense and serving and is a

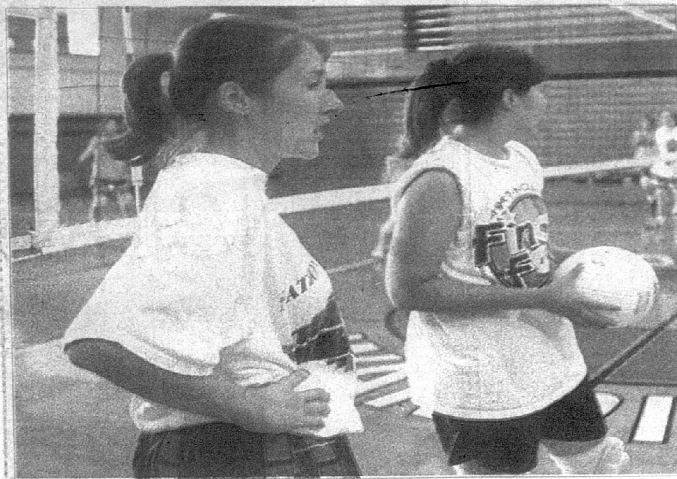
great on-court leader. Kristen Ely also gives us a lot of leadership, and she'll be our primary setter. Jamie Raub is a really good all-around player, especially with sets and hits."

Seel is looking for her juniors to help out their elders. "Jessica Wallace and Jessica Worthen both started varsity last year, and now that they've gotten more experience, they'll play even smarter on the court. They played really well to begin with and I think they will get even better."

Granite City's schedule provides plenty of opportunities for the team to prepare for the playoffs, where they hope to advance even farther than last year.

"I like to think of it as a broad schedule," said Seel. "We have Belleville East and West, who both have gone to the state tournament. Then we also have some teams that, realistically, we should beat. Our first game is against Civic Memorial. We lost three or four times to them last year in

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Granite City girls volleyball coach Beth Seel keeps an eye on the action during the first week of practices for the Warriors. The team won a regional championship last year during Seel's first season as coach.

## Buds use speed to burn foes

Moehrs and Fiala were the sparks in Waterloo's championship charge

By Garen Vartanian  
Staff writer

Known primarily as an offensive team, it was speed that played a crucial role in Waterloo's 16th Mon-Clair League post-season title last

weekend at Sts. Peter and Paul Field.

The ability of leadoff hitter Clay Moehrs and second-place batter Neil Fiala to consistently wreak havoc on the basepaths was essential.

In Waterloo's 17-5 and 8-7 victories over Sauget last Sunday — which clinched the league crown — Moehrs and Fiala combined to reach base 13 times and score 11 runs.

They also combined to puffer four bases Sunday, including Moehrs' steal of home in game one.

"Our game was really won on our legs," said Buds manager Vern Moehrs. "And that's an unusual situation. I thought that Clay and Neil had great series. I really believe that Clay and Neil played super well in this series. We had some runs by other guys. But those guys really set

the momentum and the tone of the games.

"And we put a little pressure on the running game, which we have never done in the past. Without the running game, without Clay running and Neil running, I don't think we would have won this thing. They did a fantastic job. Those two guys have to be fired. I thought that was really the difference."

The Buds, who played without injured shortstop Jeff Kaiser during the playoffs, finished the season 47-3 overall and 24-0 in league competition.

Waterloo hurler Brian Unger admittedly had butterflies upon entering last Sunday's championship contest.

Moehrs summoned Unger, a 1998 Gbault High graduate, following Ben Cunningham's homer in the top of the seventh that snipped the Buds' margin to 8-7.

Unger proceeded to fan former high school battery mate Adam Friedrich before retiring Anthony Jones on a popup.

Following a bloop single by Ben Platt, Unger struck out Quent Stenzel looking, securing Waterloo's title.



Waterloo pitcher Darin Hendrickson delivers to the plate during a Mon-Clair League playoff final-round game last weekend against Sauget.

"I was really nervous on that first one (batter)," said Unger, who will play baseball at SAC this fall. "And then it was Adam Friedrich, too, an old high school teammate. So that was kind of an added bonus. I kind of really wanted to get him because of bragging rights. And it (retiring Friedrich) did calm me down."

Sauget hurler Cory Blackwell gave it the old college try on Sunday.

Blackwell, who had defeated the Buds 6-2 in a

complete-game performance one night prior, tried starting the championship game Sunday.

But he didn't last long, allowing three home runs and five runs without recording an out.

"I went out there asking for a miracle and didn't really get it," said Blackwell, who faced just five batters. "I felt pretty good in the (bullpen). They hit a couple of good pitches and I made some not too good of pitches."

Waterloo also had a score to settle with Blackwell, who

ended the Buds' St. Louis amateur baseball record 48-game winning streak last Saturday.

"No loss is good," Moehrs said. "I myself didn't really feel bad because I thought Cory just did an outstanding job and there's nothing you can do about something like that. But then he came back today and we really came out to shoot on him very hard."

Perhaps going unnoticed was

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## Rising star

Wallace competes in AAU national tournament

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Ted Wallace returned from a trip to Florida recently. But this

was no family vacation. It was the national AAU basketball tournament of champions.

Wallace plays starting point guard for the St. Louis Eagles 14-and-under team.

"I got involved with AAU when I was 10," said Wallace. "My dad and I, along with a handful of kids from the area, formed a team based in Belleville. It wasn't that serious, but it got me started with AAU and we got to see how it worked."

Wallace played for that team for three years, and this year joined the 14-and-under division of the

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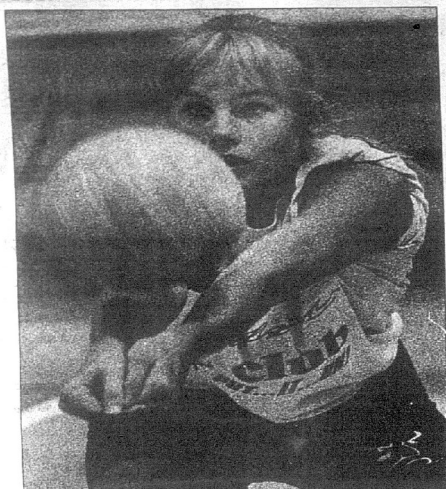
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# Sports

## Boys Prep Soccer Schedules



Collinsville graduate Amy Kleine is one of the freshman hoping to have an impact at BAC.

## Belleville Area College reloads for fall season

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

The names change, but the Belleville Area College volleyball team keeps on winning.

Dutchwomen coach Todd Gober, in his third season, has maintained the tradition established by former coach Lisa Kowalski, who built the Dutchwomen into one of the top junior college squads in the nation. Last season, BAC was 49-9 and finished 14th in the NAIA poll. Gober's team reached the regional final before losing to Illinois Central College.

"I was real happy with last season," Gober said. "We were a pretty small team, so to accomplish as much as we did is a testament to the hard work the girls put in. They were a scrappy, aggressive bunch."

Gober lost eight players from that team, but four return. Newcomers to the squad include seven freshmen plus sophomore Kate Talley (Carmel High School), who didn't play last season as a walk-on at Murray State University.

The top returning player is Amanda Dorries, a 5-foot-11 middle blocker from Breese Central.

"Amanda had a fantastic season," Gober said. "She was nominated for All-American and she's first-team preseason All-American this year. She broke a team record with four kills per game and ranked sixth nationally."

"She's working even harder this year and she sets a great example for the other girls. She's been through it once and she's really focused."

"She has (NCAA) Division I arm speed and big jumping ability. She's already had some D-I offers, but fortunately she decided to stay with us another year."

The other returning sophomores are 5-10 setter Melanie Mueller (Breese Central), 6-8 outside hitter Kelly Johnson (Raymond-Lincolnwood) and 5-11 outside hitter Tara Hager (Windor, Mo.).

"Melanie is a preseason third-team All-American, which is quite an accomplishment considering Melissa Hayden was our starting setter last year," Gober said. "She has good speed, great hands and a good work ethic. She's one of our team captains along with Kelly Johnson."

"Kelly is a game player and she's very consistent on the outside. She has a good serve-receive and she plays excellent defense. She's one of those kids who hates to lose, and that's the kind of attitude you want on the floor."

"Tara is fighting an injury right now. She had knee surgery the first day of practice, but she hopes to come back in two or three weeks. It's just a matter of how her knee holds up."



Kim Pittman, a Metro East Lutheran, is a freshman with the BAC women's volleyball team.

One of the most impressive freshmen has been the team's shortest player, 5-5 outside hitter Shanan McLean (Belleville West). "Shanan is something special — she can do it all," Gober said. "She plays excellent defense, has a good serve-receive and very good reflexes. She hits well for her size, which won't hamper her at all at the college level. She's had some D-I offers."

"Angie Durham (a 6-1 freshman from Mascoutah) was a middle hitter, but we moved her to right side hitter. She had a decent high school career, but college will give her an opportunity to develop her skills. She's a big kid, she's athletic and she jumps well."

"Michelle Allen (a 5-8 freshman) is a setter from Althoff. She's been forced into a prominent role running the offense due to a knee injury to Melanie Mueller. She's done a really good job of making the adjustment in a short period of time."

The extent of Mueller's injury wasn't known, but she was scheduled to have an MRI Thursday night.

"I thought depth would be a strength, but we haven't had a full squad yet, and it's limited our ability to do some things in practice," Gober said.

"Stephanie Ribbing (a 5-9 right side hitter from Breese Central) had a back problem the first week of practice and has been out since."

Several other players have had to learn new positions. "Amy Kleine (a 5-9 freshman from Collinsville) is playing outside hitter after being a middle hitter in high school," Gober said. "She's starting to learn how to hit from the outside and her passing is starting to come along. If she develops consistency, she could be a big factor for us."

"Four of our kids played club ball, but they're playing a new system now. We play a pretty quick offense and a different defense, and the level of intensity is a whole new thing for them."

"Kim Pittman (a 6-0 middle blocker from Metro East Lutheran) and Jerriann Kline (a 5-11 middle blocker from Farina South Central) both played at small schools that didn't run a quick offense, but they've adjusted very well. They're both good athletes."

BAC opens the season Saturday in the East Central Tournament at Union, Mo.

### ALTHOFF Coach: Dave Stosberg

September	
1 Belleville West	7 p.m.
3 Waterloo, at BAC	7 p.m.
4 at Wood River	5 p.m.
8 Edwardsville	7 p.m.
10 at Mater Dei	noon
12 Carbondale	noon
15 at O'Fallon	7 p.m.
19 at Quincy Notre Dame	11 a.m.
21-26 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central TBA	
28 Highland	11 a.m.
29 Jackson (Mo.), at BAC	4:30 p.m.

October	
1 at Springfield	4:30 p.m.
3 at Cape Girardeau (Mo.)	11 a.m.
5 Westlin	4 p.m.
7 at Gibault	4 p.m.
12-17 Alton Tourny	TBA
18 Belleville East	4 p.m.

### BELLEVILLE EAST Coach: Gary Carr

August	
27 Triad	4 p.m.
29 Quincy	1 p.m.
31 at O'Fallon	7 p.m.

September	
5 at SLUH	7 p.m.
8 Marietta (Mo.)	4 p.m.
10 at Oakville (Mo.)	7 p.m.
12 Arnold (Mo.) Fox	11 a.m.
15 at Edwardsville	7 p.m.
17 Collinsville	4 p.m.
21-26 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central TBA	
28 at Jackson	7 p.m.

October	
1 Belleville West	4 p.m.
5-10 Granite City Tourny	TBA
15 Granite City	4 p.m.
18 at Althoff	7 p.m.
20 at Gibault	4 p.m.

### BELLEVILLE WEST Coach: Bill Houck

August	
29 at Westlin	11 a.m.

September	
1 Althoff, at Laderman	7 p.m.
3 Triad	7 p.m.
8 at Mater Dei	4 p.m.
10 Alton	7 p.m.
12 at Edwardsville	11 a.m.
14 Arnold (Mo.) Seckman	7 p.m.
16 Gibault	4 p.m.
18 at Carbondale	11 a.m.
21-26 CYC Tournament	TBA
28 Granite City	7 p.m.

October	
1 at Belleville East	4 p.m.
5-10 Granite City Tourny	TBA
13 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central, at BAC	4 p.m.
15 at Collinsville	7 p.m.
17 at Jackson (Mo.)	7 p.m.

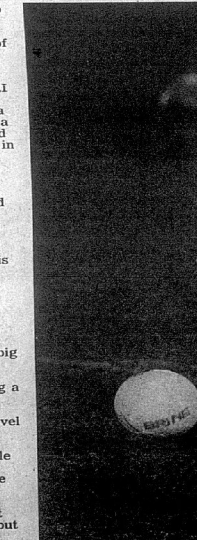
### CAHOKIA Coach: Craig Garlin

September	
1 Waterloo	4 p.m.
4 at O'Fallon	7 p.m.
8 at Centralia	4:30 p.m.
10 Lebanon	4 p.m.
15 at Marietta	4 p.m.
17 Metro East Lutheran	4 p.m.
18 Carbondale	4 p.m.
21-26 Dubourg (Mo.) Tournament TBA	
29 O'Fallon	4 p.m.

October	
1 East St. Louis	4 p.m.
3 at St. Louis DeMet	7 p.m.
6 Centralia	4:30 p.m.
8 at Carbondale	4 p.m.
10 Marion	11 a.m.
12-18 at Waterloo Tournament	TBA
20 Lebanon	4 p.m.
21 Westlin	4 p.m.

### COLLINSVILLE Coach: Ron Rowden

September	
1 O'Fallon	7 p.m.
3 at St. Louis DeMet	7 p.m.
5 St. Louis CBC	7 p.m.
7 at Gibault	4 p.m.



Granite City's Ian Kessel and teammates will again host some of the St. Louis area's best teams in early October with the Tournament of Champions.



Chris Choate (left) and his Collinsville teammates begin play Sept. 1 with a 7 p.m. home game against O'Fallon.

August	
1 at Westlin	4 p.m.
31 Wood River	4:15 p.m.

September	
1 at Alton Marquette	4:30 p.m.
2 St. Louis DeMet	4 p.m.
8 St. Louis Kennedy	4 p.m.
10 at Hillsboro (Mo.)	4 p.m.
11 at St. Louis Dubourg	4:15 p.m.
17 Westlin	5 p.m.
21 at Lebanon	4 p.m.
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor	4:15 p.m.
23 at Mater Dei	4:15 p.m.
29 at Alton	7 p.m.

### COLUMBIA Coach: Kent Hediger

August	
1 at Westlin	4 p.m.
31 Wood River	4:15 p.m.

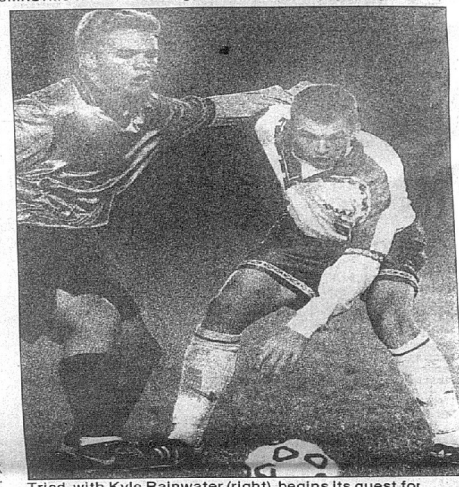
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8 St. Louis Kennedy	4 p.m.
10 at Hillsboro (Mo.)	4 p.m.
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17 Westlin	5 p.m.
21 at Lebanon	4 p.m.
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor	4:15 p.m.
23 at Mater Dei	4:15 p.m.
29 at Alton	7 p.m.

October	
5 at Waterloo	5 p.m.
8 at Gibault	2 p.m.
12-16 Waterloo Tourny	TBA
19 Litchfield	5 p.m.
20 Pacific (Mo.)	5 p.m.

### EDWARDSVILLE Coach: Mark Schwarzkopf

September	
1 at St. Charles (Mo.) Howell North	4:30 p.m.
5 St. Charles (Mo.) West	11 a.m.
7 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	7 p.m.
8 at Althoff	7 p.m.
10 Civic Memorial	7 p.m.
12 Belleville West	11 a.m.
15 Belleville East	4 p.m.
17 at Granite City	7 p.m.
21 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	TBA
29 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette	4:30 p.m.

October	
1 Collinsville	7 p.m.
5 Rio Hudson Tournament (Fenton, Mo.)	TBA
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central	7 p.m.
15 at St. Louis CBC	7 p.m.
17 at Merville (Mo.)	7 p.m.
21 at Alton	7 p.m.



Triad, with Kyle Rainwater (right), begins its quest for the IHSA Class A state tournament on Aug. 27 with a game at Belleville East.

### GIBAULT Coach: Jim Corsi

September	
1 Highland	4:15 p.m.
7 Collinsville	4 p.m.
8 Westlin	4 p.m.
14 Festus (Mo.) St. Plus	4:15 p.m.
17 at Lebanon	10:30 a.m.
19 Alton Marquette	10 a.m.
21-26 CYC Tournament	TBA
30 Mater Dei	4 p.m.

October	
5 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
7 Althoff	4 p.m.
12-17 Waterloo Tournament	TBA
20 Belleville East	4 p.m.

### GRANITE CITY Coach: Gene Baker

August	
29 at Peoria Richwoods	11 a.m.

September	
1 Civic Memorial	7 p.m.
3 St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell Central	7 p.m.
5 Vianney	7 p.m.
8 Alton	4 p.m.
10 at Collinsville	7 p.m.
12 Springfield Griffi	11 a.m.
15 at St. Louis CBC	7 p.m.
17 Edwardsville	7 p.m.
19 at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell	11 a.m.
21-26 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central Tournament	TBA
28 at Belleville West	7 p.m.
30 O'Fallon	7 p.m.

### LEBANON Coach: Dan Schubert

August	
28 Jerseyville	4 p.m.

September	
4 Westlin	4 p.m.
8 at Litchfield	4:15 p.m.
10 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
14 at Mascoutah	4 p.m.
16 at St. Louis CBC	4 p.m.
21 Columbia	4 p.m.
26 Centralia	10 a.m.
30 at Wood River	5 p.m.

### LEBANON Coach: Dan Schubert

October	
1 at Westlin	4 p.m.
3 at Collinsville	10 a.m.
5 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
6 at Mater Dei	4 p.m.
8 Metro East Lutheran	4 p.m.
12-17 at Waterloo Tournament	TBA
20 Cahokia	4 p.m.
19 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	5 p.m.

### METRO EAST LUTHERAN Coach: Erwin Palau

September	
1 St. Louis Tower Grove Christian	4:15 p.m.
8 St. Louis Lutheran North	4:15 p.m.
10 Alton Marquette	4:15 p.m.
12 Roxana	10:30 a.m.
14 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
18 at St. Louis Yeshiva	3:30 p.m.
22 Westlin	4:15 p.m.
25-26 Metro Cui	TBA

October	
2 St. Charles (Mo.) Lutheran	4:15 p.m.
8 at St. Louis Whitfield	4:30 p.m.
8 St. Louis Westminster	4:15 p.m.
14 at Lebanon	4:15 p.m.
15 at Roxana	4:15 p.m.
21 Valley Park (Mo.)	4:15 p.m.

### O'FALLON Coach: Rich Bickel

September	
1 at Collinsville	7 p.m.
4 Carbondale	5 p.m.
8 Carbondale	4:30 p.m.
10 at Marion	4 p.m.
15 Althoff	5 p.m.
17 Centralia	4:30 p.m.
21 Mater Dei	5:30 p.m.
22 at Highland	7 p.m.
24 Gibault	7 p.m.
26 at Carbondale	11 a.m.
29 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
30 at Granite City	5 p.m.

### TRIAD Coach: Mike Villa

August	
27 at Belleville East	4 p.m.
29 at Civic Memorial	10 a.m.

September	
1 Mascoutah	7 p.m.
6 Civic Memorial	7 p.m.
4-5 Quincy Tourny	TBA
8 Highland	7 p.m.
15 Jerseyville	7 p.m.
17 at Waterloo	7 p.m.
21-26 at CYC Tournament	TBA
29 at Mascoutah	4 p.m.

### TRIAD Coach: Mike Villa

October	
1 at Centralia	4 p.m.
5-10 at Granite City Tournament of Champions	TBA
12-17 at Waterloo Tournament	TBA
18 at Marion	4:15 p.m.
20 Marion	4 p.m.

### LEBANON Coach: Dan Schubert

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## Warriors set to build on '97 success

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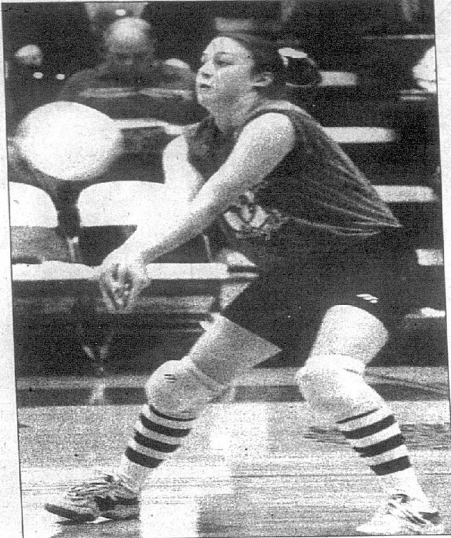
the regular season, then beat them in the regionals, so you never know.

"We just have to keep a positive attitude. I'm not a big believer in worrying about the schedule. I'm more concerned with maintaining a level where we play good, smart volleyball every day and are ready for each game as it comes — one game at a time. We can't look ahead during the season and think this or that will be an easy week, because that's when you lose your focus."

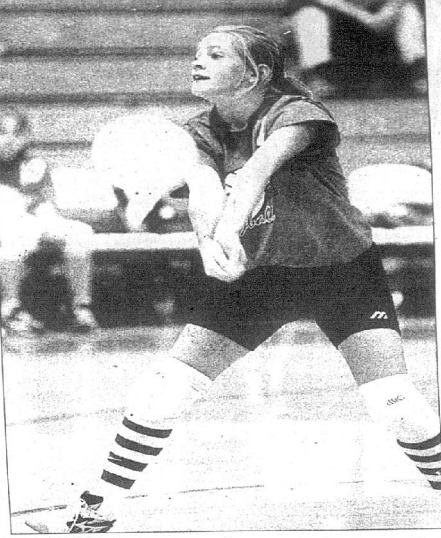
See likes the group she has assembled around her and has high hopes for the playoffs.

"I think our team has a positive overall attitude," she said. "They have fun and they all get along. I'm confident that we can come out and be above .500. We have a shot at regionals again."

"We've got a lot of experience on this team, as well as a good group of sophomores coming up. I anticipate another strong season."



The Granite City volleyball team has plenty of experienced players to rely on this fall, including Jessica Wallace (left) and Leah Gambelin (right). The Lady Warriors won a regional championship last season.



## Biathlon to take place in Millstadt

The 11th annual Millstadt Parks Biathlon will be 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

The event includes a five-mile run and a 22-mile bike ride.

**BIATHLON**  
The entry fee for registrants postmarked by Sept. 1 is \$23 per individual and \$32 per team (one runner, one bike rider); fees after Sept. 1 increase to \$28 and \$37.

Race-day registration is \$30 and \$38.

Approximately 50 awards will be presented to bright male and six female age groups including overall awards to the first three men and women finishers.

Prizes to be raffled to participants include a Trek OC-1V 5500 bicycle valued at \$3,000.

For more information, call the Millstadt Village Hall (476-1514) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, or call 476-3288.

Maps of the course are available at the village hall.

## U.S. Ice Sports Complex offers youth program designed to teach skating and hockey skills

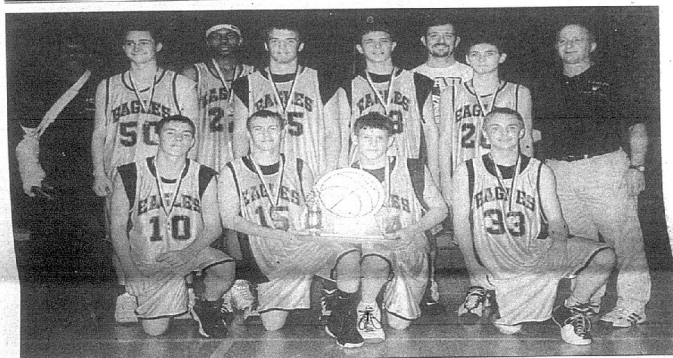
The "Learn to Skate and Play Hockey" youth program will be offered this fall at the new U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights. The program focuses on the most important aspects of skating, including footwork, stickhandling and puck control techniques, passing, shooting and game situational play.

**YOUTH HOCKEY**  
Sessions are in three age classifications: Mites (ages 5-8), Squirts (ages 9-10) and Pee

Wees (ages 11-12). Participants must be able to skate across the ice unaided in order to participate in this program, and full equipment is required.

The program begins Sept. 12 and ends Dec. 19 (no lessons Nov. 22-29). Sessions are scheduled for each Saturday: 9-10 a.m. for Pee Wees, 10-11 a.m. for Squirts and 11 a.m. to noon for Mites.

The fee is \$285; there are no refunds after Oct. 1. For more information, call U.S. Ice Sports Complex at 598-4600.



The St. Louis Eagles 14-and-under boys basketball team went to the AAU national tournament this summer. Members of the team (from left to right) are — Chris Loews, Ted Wallace, Ed Horst, Cory Ruid; in back — coach Doug Petty, Matt Taylor, Riebel Petty, Aaron Kimmel, Matt Midden, coach Greg Midden and head coach Mike Taylor.

## Wallace leads St. Louis Eagles team to 19th place in AAU national tourney

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AAU St. Louis Eagles, a club which features the St. Louis region's top players and boasted a recent national championship team with Larry Hughes.

"AAU goes all year long, starting in early March, with preliminary tournaments," said Wallace. "If you win those, you advance to regionals. Our regional playoffs included the Southern Illinois, Ozark and St. Louis regions. We made it past those and got to nationals. They were held in Orlando, Fla., at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex on the Disney campus. We went 4-3, and ended up 19th out of 118 teams that competed, which is pretty good."

Aside from the higher level of competition, Wallace learned some valuable lessons on this trip.

"We learned that not everyone is going to make it to the NBA," he said. "A lot of kids have the same dreams as I do, to play basketball professionally. You have to work extremely hard if you are going to make it, if you want your dreams to come true."

"It was a long trip but I think it was worth the experience I got down there. It was kind of nice to travel and get away from home, but after a while I started to miss it."

Ted's family and athletics have always been closely related.

"I started playing (basketball) when I was 5 or 6, around the house. My dad was coaching my older sisters and I just sort of hung around and played with them."

"My dad has always played basketball and been very involved in athletics. He got my sisters into it, he got me into it at a young age, and we just took to it right away. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to keep going."

Standing 5-foot-10, Wallace is on his way up — to the freshman class at Granite City this school year.

"I spoke to (varsity basketball coach) John Van Buskirk a little and had a couple of summer workouts, but I've been travelling so much that I haven't had a lot of contact with the high school yet," he said.

"I think I have a shot at varsity next year, but I'm going to have to work really hard."

Wallace's AAU coach, Mike Taylor, has faith that Wallace will put all of his energy into reaching his basketball goals. "I would say, of all the point guards playing in the St. Louis area, Ted is in the top three or four," said Taylor. "His best attribute is that he has more guts than the other nine guys on the court. He's very smart about the game, very heady."

"He's athletically talented, his skill level is very high — his dad, Joe, did a great job teaching him how to play the game. But his internal motivation is extraordinary. That clock is constantly running."

"He's extremely coachable, just a super young man. A lot of kids his age start developing an attitude, but Ted is the

nicest young man, I can't stress that enough. There was never a time I asked him to do something that he didn't want to do, or even hesitated for a second."

"He's a great competitor. The things he accomplishes just leave you with your mouth hanging open."

"We finished 19th nationally. If the rest of the team had his internal motivation and drive, we probably would have won the thing."

And Wallace is seems to be gaining another basketball asset that can't be taught — height.

"I took my physical this summer and the doctor told me he thought I should reach 6-foot-1 or 6-foot-2 by the time I stop growing," said Wallace. "I think my strengths are my hustle and overall awareness of the game. My dad taught me about shooting and passing, but also taught his court-sense to me, how he sees the game around him."

In view of his character, it's not surprising Wallace looks up to a coach and his system, rather than an individual player.

"I liked Kentucky when Coach (Rick) Pitino was there," said Wallace. "I really like that style of play — fast tempo, up and down the court."

Even at 14, Wallace realizes there is more to success in athletics than skill and effort.

"The head of AAU, Bobby Dodd, organizes the Complete Athlete Program every year. He makes sure you realize that you have to keep your grades up, because college scouts aren't going to recruit you if you're a clown."

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# Edwardsville wins opener at World Series

By Louie Korac  
Staff writer

As well as Edwardsville Post 199 has been hitting the ball, one can only wonder when it'll stop. But someone keeps forgetting to tell Post 199 when to stop.

Edwardsville racked up 14 hits and ace Ben Hutton kept Excelsior (Minn.) off stride Friday as Post 199 rolled to a 15-2 victory in the first game of the American Senior League World Series in Las Vegas.

A crowd of 1,300 attended the game at Cashman Field, home of the Class AAA Las Vegas Stars.

Edwardsville (38-6) again jumped on a potent opponent in the first inning, scoring four runs against Excelsior (60-11) in the opening

frame.

Hutton (10-2), meanwhile, was back in form after some struggles at the Great Lakes Regional tournament. He went the distance, scattering eight hits.

Hutton, the all-time winningest pitcher in IHSAA Class AA baseball history, was quick to credit the offense's early run support.

"The offense right now is just on fire," he said. "When the offense is on fire, as a pitcher, it just gives you all that much more confidence."

After setting down Excelsior down 1-2-3 to start the game, Hutton's confidence was bolstered.

Edwardsville jumped on Excelsior starter Ryan Klockstein (14-2) with five hits during its first inning outburst.

Dave Crouthers led off with a single up the middle on the first

pitch. Tim Hansel, in a sacrifice situation, reached on a bunt single, as did Chad Opel to load the bases on only four pitches by Klockstein. Todd Haug singled in Crouthers and Hansel for a 2-0 lead. Nick Seibert doubled to left, scoring Opel for a 3-0 lead. Chris McCoy's RBI groundout made it 4-0.

"A lot of confidence in the dugout. We just have the attitude that we're happy to be here. We can play ball with anybody. We don't doubt ourselves."

Edwardsville tacked on another three runs in the third when Opel and Haug led off the inning with singles. Seibert's fielder's choice scored Opel, but Haug also came in when Todd Morgan's throw sailed over Jeremy Keel's head for a 6-0 lead. McCoy's RBI groundout scored Seibert for a 7-0 lead.

In the fifth inning, McCoy crushed a 1-1 change-up for a two-run home run over a 24-foot wall in left center. That blow gave Edwardsville a 9-0 lead and ended Klockstein's day.

"I didn't think I'd be able to hit it out, but (Klockstein) threw me a change-up right down the middle and it jumped off the bat," McCoy said.

"I thought it would hit the top of the wall, but then I heard those sirens and music playing. It felt pretty good."

Edwardsville tacked up three more in the frame and one more in the sixth. Excelsior scored two runs in the seventh.

"The better team won," said Excelsior manager Jim Peck. "They played a lot better. They executed better and they hit the ball real well and when you do that, usually you

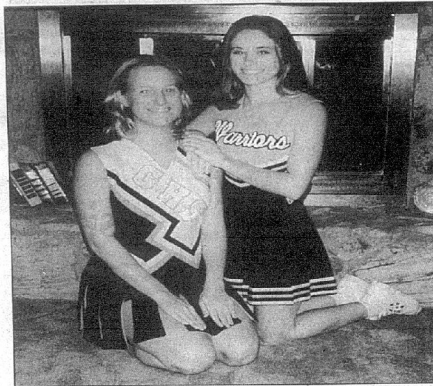
win. And they did it off our best kid. They beat him around pretty good. They should be commended for having a very good team."

Edwardsville manager Ken Schaeke was hopeful his team could continue to hit the ball for four more games.

"I hope so — just four more games would be great," he said. "When they hit, this is how they hit. They're not going to overpower you with a lot of home runs and so forth, but they'll hit the gaps and they'll hit the ball hard on the line."

Edwardsville was scheduled to face Danville, Calif., (56-10) on Saturday and host Las Vegas (49-13) today.

The national semifinals are Monday and the national championship game is set for Tuesday night.



## Award winners

The Granite City High School cheerleaders attended a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Southeast Missouri State University. The camp, sponsored by the largest private cheerleading organization in the country, attracted more than 300 cheerleaders. Two GCHS cheerleaders, Ashley Slover (left) and Rachel Means (right), received All-American Awards. Slover is a varsity football cheerleader; Means a varsity soccer cheerleader. Award winners are eligible to perform at NCA special events, including the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii.



Rodney Lofton crosses home plate to score a run for the Granite City Steelers against Valmeyer in a Mon-Clair tournament game last weekend.

## Buds capture title with a burst of speed

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the yeoman-like relief work from Stenzel.

The Wizards righthander took over for Blackwell in the first and went six solid innings, permitting just six hits and three runs — one earned.

Stenzel's effort allowed Sauget to have a chance for its third Mon-Clair league title.

"Quent Stenzel pitched a really, really good game today," Blackwell said.

Sauget — which was without an official manager/coach during the playoffs — enjoyed a solid weekend, going 2-2 while competing well against the powerful Buds.

"We just came out, played hard, fought and scrapped," said Blackwell, who

co-managed the team with second baseman Brian Muniz. "Nobody expected us to do anything. But we came out and showed people us young guys can play pretty good ball."

One person not surprised by Sauget's performance was Flala, the Bellevue Area College baseball coach.

Other than Cunningham, the Wizards consist of current or former BAC players.

"They like to play and they like to win," Flala said. "They're used to winning, so I knew if anybody was going to beat us this year, they'd have the best shot because they know how to play the game. (Sunday), they just ran out of pitching. But we knew it was going to be a battle all they way just because they know how to play and they like to play and like to win."

"It's great for us because that's three in a row," Flala said. "I'm doubly thrilled because it was basically our BAC team that was here."

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## Steelers bow in Mon-Clair tourney

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City Steelers have handed out their fair share of lumps to other teams of the Mon-Clair League in recent history. This year, they finished in second place in the

league standings.

Unfortunately for the Steelers, the Mon-Clair playoffs was a different story. They got rubbed out in straight games last weekend, ending their season without another shot at the Waterloo Buds.

"We lost our first two games — Friday against Sauget and Saturday against Valmeyer — and we were out," said player-coach Daren DePew.

Over the course of the season we played well, but toward the end we started struggling with our bats and the pitchers' arms got tired."

They finished with a 14-10 regular season record (17-11 overall, including tournaments and non-league games).

"This was our ninth year in the Mon-Clair League," said DePew, who was the starting catcher. "We had a nice stretch there where we won several league championships in a row."

"This year was kind of a transitional year for us. We had a lot of new guys and lost a lot of guys who had been here a while. We

had a pretty young team."

And, without question, a pretty talented team.

"We have some former minor-league prospects on the team," said DePew.

"Cliff Williams was a former fifth-round draft choice who played right field for us. He hit .298 for the season, which isn't as high as he has been, but he hit a big homer for us in bottom of the seventh at Valmeyer to get us the consolation."

"Rodney Lofton played in the minors for Baltimore. This year, he played short and hit .500. He also pitched. He missed some games on business, but when he was here he really helped us out."

Overall, DePew saw the season in a positive light.

"Second place in the league was good," said DePew. "The Valmeyer tournament is one of the highlights of the summer. We had won five times in a row until last year, when East Aton beat us. The fact that we came back this year to take the consolation game at Valmeyer, with a new team, was a good sign of things to come."

"We'll come back strong next year and hopefully win another championship."

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### OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**NEW LISTING STOP BY AND SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH. UPDATED kitchen and bath. 3 bedrooms, family room, formal living room and formal dining room. Oversized garage. Many custom features. Stop by for your personal tour.**

**2320 Zippel**

**JUST LISTED**

**CR5374 RECENTLY REMODEL HOME WITH 4+ ACRES! Outskirts of town. Very sharp interior! Excellent family home. Complete with sitting room & den. All large rooms. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Framed ceilings, tray ceiling, ceiling fans w/steeking wiper and a work shop. Call attached overland long geographic. Definitely not a drive by.**

**CR8733 EXCEPTIONALLY NEAT AND CLEAN HOME. Ready to move in. Fenced yard, large 2 car detached garage. Nice clean deep basement plus enclosed front and back porches. 3 bedrooms, living room, formal dining room and nice sized kitchen. Maintenance free exterior. CR1699 QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD, GREAT STARTER HOME. 3 bedrooms, Mitchell school, 2 bedroom. Fireplace and built in bookcases. 2 car garage, fenced yard near expressway.**

**CR8851 MOBILE HOME ON OWN LOT! Very nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home on a large fully fenced lot. Very quiet. Dead End Street. People are leaving stove refrigerator, washer, dryer, sofa, and love seat. Just bring the family! 2 large storage buildings on the lot. 10x12 deck in the rear. Call for more info.**

### NEW PRICE

**CR7439 FOUR BEDROOM HOME WITH 2 BATHS 1/2 story with full basement. Just right for a large family. Formal living room, formal dining room, and kitchen. Great starter home for the price. Now just \$36,500! Call for your private viewing.**

**FEATURED PROPERTY**

**CR3902 VERY NEAT & CLEAN 3 BEDROOM HOME. Features: Same newer carpet, eat in kitchen, large front porch. Central air, & 1st floor laundry. Not just a drive by. Call for more info.**

**CR0025 NICE BRICK HOME ON LANDSCAPED CORNER LOT. Over 1600 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, central air, fireplace, wood floors, thermal windows, furnace and central air. FEATURES: 4 bedrooms, formal living room & dining room. Call for more info. CR8530**

**CR8605 ONLY \$42,900 VERY QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD. This 2 bedroom doll house is priced to sell. Features: 1200 sq. ft. with very nice hardwood floors, maintenance free exterior, fully finished huge lot, 2 car garage and a carport. SELLER IS OFFERING CASH BACK. Call for more info.**

**CR8676 MAINTENANCE FREE INTERIOR. 5 BEDROOM HOME WITH A BEAUTIFUL LARGE LAWN EXTERIOR. Move right in and call it home! Features: New Andersen windows, new storm doors, ceramic tile in bathroom, lawn in close with light.**

**CR2176 HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF HAVING A LOG HOME? THIS COULD BE YOUR CHANCE. This beautiful log home was originally built as the display home for the subdivision! Professionally decorated, with many custom features including a fireplace, a beautiful stone fireplace with raised hearth. The master suite is a loft overlooking the living room featuring a fireplace and a large walk-in closet. The kitchen at the corner window and full bath. This home has a finished basement with 1 bedroom, family room, and a carport. Call for more info. Private showing available.**

### GRANITE CITY AREA

**CR8958 GREAT FOR 1ST TIME BUYERS! 2 bedroom home with all of the basics. Features: New wiring, plumbing, siding, carpet and tile. Roof is just 4 years old. Deck 10x13 privacy fence. New cabinets & sink. Call for more info.**

**CR4213 LARGE HOME FOR A LARGE FAMILY. 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, above ground pool, finished basement, central air conditioning. Home security system. Fantastic area. Call for all the details.**

**CR0847 THE HOME OF THE MISTRESS! This 4 bedroom home with a finished basement, 2 car garage, 10x12 deck, and a large lot. Call for more info.**

**CR2107 VERY LARGE LOT ON CUL-DE-SAC. Choice location to build a large home. Call for more info.**

**CR7216 VERY NICE BRICK HOME ON CORNER LOT IN EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD. Hardwood floors, beautiful refinished. Huge living room. All walls freshly painted. Ready to move-in! Beautiful oak cabinets. 1st floor with granite, 1st floor laundry, and a bath suite with French doors to bedroom in lower level. Very family room! Marble tile in the kitchen. Call for more info.**

**CR4231 EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN INTERIOR. BEAUTIFUL BRIGHT KITCHEN. Move in condition. Fenced yard, (sids and back), double carport, close to main bedroom, new roof, gutters & down spouts. Features: 3 bedrooms, living room, new carpet, central air conditioning. Call for more info.**

**CR7465 2 LOTS IN MITCHELL AREA. Close to major highways. 1st lot: 90x150 & 2nd lot: 20x150. Irregular shaped lots. Utilities (water, sewer, electric & gas) available to site.**

**CR8765 COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE, HIGH TRAFFIC/HIGH VISIBILITY. JUST \$39,900. Call detail!**

**CR7475 PRESTIGIOUS HOME IN GRANITE CITY. BEAUTIFUL FULL BRICK SPLIT FOYER ON 9 ACRES. Excellent built with home with electric gated driveway, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 full baths, and a bath suite with French doors to bedroom. 10x30 cedar deck. 24 ft above ground pool with deck. And more amenities. All on a large lot with a security system. 30,500 pole barn with 2 heated rooms and horse stall. Stocked pond with 100+ acres of woods. Call for more info. Call today for your private viewing! Reduced by \$21,000.**

### CR7256

**John Ryan**  
782-4481

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Vinyl sided bedroom, 2 baths, basement, 2 car garage. Large lot. Fenced yard with wooded area. Call for details.

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**2325 COLLINSVILLE VICTORY**  
Semi Central, COLLINGSVILLE to be auctioned Sept. 2nd at 2:00 PM. Call for details.

**ENJOY LIVING** in the country north of Collinsville, easy access to Interstate 55. 3 1/2 bds., ten minutes to school, shopping, restaurants with great view. \$215,000 call 345-3006.

**FEBRUARY HEIGHTS-3000** sq ft large 2 BR/BA Finished Walk out 2nd floor. Fenced and Excellent Location! Neighborhood 345-1555.

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**NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
**FOR SALE BY BUILDER:  
Frank Tarr**

**1250 Sq. Ft. Ranch,** Full Basement, 2 Car Garage with Garage Door Opener, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Pestered Walls, Central Vac., Security System, all on 1 Acre Lot. \$94,900.  
**345-5202**

**2400 HOMES FOR SALE OUT OF AREA ILLINOIS**

**LAKE PROPERTY**  
Luttrell's Hill Country Estates 52 w/1500 sq. ft. views. All utilities on site. Fish on 1500 acre lake. Call Bob Reiter 345-0606.

**2430 LOTSIACREAGE FOR SALE**

**ATTENTION INVESTORS:** Development, OR OTHERS. Plus acres on corner of St. Charles and Wood County in Rock Rd. No flood at unit. Call for details. C/O value could double or triple in 2-3 yrs. Call Bob Reiter 345-0250.

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**CHOICE LOTS Emerald Meadows**  
• All Utilities • Cornerstone Streets • Minimum size 100 x 130 Starting at \$15,950

**P&E Development**  
**797-0857 or 338-8677**

**Reach 9 out of 10 Homes With a Suburban Journal Classified**

800 square feet single house, 2420 N. Granite City, Granite City, IL 62040 or 877-9904

**1-823-4 GREAT WEEKEND GETAWAY!** Just outside of St. Louis, close to the river, beautiful views, close to town, close to golf courses. Call for details. Price to sell at \$45,000. Call 345-3006 or 345-3006 ask for Jennifer.

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8:30 am to 10:00 p.m.

**IDEAL BUSINESS LOCATION:** 2 story, 4 bedroom home with 2 bathrooms and attached 1st floor garage. Would be business plus residence, residence only or duplex with 2nd kitchen and attached 1st floor garage. Call for details. This home is available.

**NEW LISTING:** Attractive 2 bedroom home on large lot. 2 Car Garage. Call for details. Madison, A-22

**PRICED REDUCED:** Charming 3 bedroom home with attached garage. Vinyl siding, roof, and privacy fence only 2 years old. Great location in lovely neighborhood. A-2

**ROOMY COMFORT:** Spacious 2 story, 3 bedroom home with full bathroom, central air conditioning, laundry or office off kitchen, full basement. C/A. Many extras. Madison, A-15

**3 BEDROOM HOME** near Wilson Park. New furnace, new vinyl siding, new porch, and storm door. Wheelchair ramp on rear patio. Affordable Home For Large Family. Priced under \$40,000. A-12

**GREAT STARTER HOME:** 2 bedroom home with large kitchen, full bathroom, central air conditioning, laundry room, full basement. C/A. main floor utility room. Not included in price. Only \$24,900. A-17

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**FOR INFORMATION & APPLICATION OR LEASE 931-1530**  
**APARTMENT MANAGER HAS POOL?**  
**BOTH APARTMENT COMPLEXES HAVE POOLS!**

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**#1823 - QUALITY HOME on 12 acre of secluded beautiful home with tree craters throughout. Ask for Will.**

**#1752 - 3 bay sell-seal car wash. Low maintenance. Ask for Will.**

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**#17708 - BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING?** the square in Highland. Large cooler, bar sink, cooler, 2 restrooms in basement ready for premier. Ask for Dotsey.

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**#17894 - CHINESE GUISDIN Restaurant** your ownhome. Completely equipped and ready. Ask for Will.

**#18020 - YOU'LL NEVER FIND MORE FOR HOME starter, hardwood flooring, open place, w/o basement and garage. Ask for Brian.**

**#18228 CONTRACT FOR DEED WITH SUE CUTLE HOME on corner lot in Greenville backyard enclosed shed. Ask for Brian.**

**#18099 - BEAUTIFUL WOODED LOT, with brick and redwood country home nestled in woods. Call for details. 3 bedrooms, 3 bath fireplace, patio, walkout basement. 2 car. Owner will consider trade. Ask for Normie.**

**#18135 - OLDER MOBILE HOME on this with flowering trees sloping hill behind it. Still large metal pole barn on the end of Ask for Glenn.**

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**#18193 LAKEFRONT LIVING!** Newly built stone lakefront lot! 3 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, cathedral ceilings, full basement, firewood. Ask for Normie.

**#18208 WELL-ESTABLISHED neighborly home w/lakefront pool plan, full basement. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Call for details.**

**#18226 - COMMERCIAL B - ZONING!** 1/2 acre lot with building on front & rear. Don't miss! Call Margie or Ken for details. This is a real community. Equipment sale available.

**#18210 - VERY NICE HOME in small corner lot for you and yours. Adorable 3 bedroom, 2 full bathrooms, deck and back yard. Not up. Ask for Margie.**

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**#18131 - IMMAGULATE, ROOMY, BE describe this magnificent home with open stairs. Entry has foyer with open stairs with fireplace, overlooking terrace, dining room, deck w/covered, finished by patio. Master bed has whirlpool tub and dressing room. Call for details. Ask for Kristin or Jennifer.**

**#18018 - LAND ON RIVER!** Great investment 2 beds, 2 baths, priced in the \$30's. Ken.

## SUBURBAN AREA MORTGAGE RATES

Institution	Phone #	30-year Fixed rate / pts	15-year Fixed rate / pts	30-year Jumbo rate / pts	30-year FHA rate / pts	1-year ARM rate / pts	Comments and Additional Programs
Allied Mortgage Capital	314-230-3311	6.875 / .00	6.625 / .00	7.250 / .00	7.000 / .00	6.625 / .00	Want 0 down on new construction? T-Bond 5.3 weeks
Enterprise Mortgage	618-235-6000	6.875 / .00	6.750 / .00	7.375 / .00	N/A	6.000 / .00	Low closing costs, ask for Clayton 314-724-6474
Midco Mortgage Svcs	314-961-0079	7.125 / .00	6.750 / .00	7.250 / .00	- / -	6.250 / .00	SLOW CREDIT OK. NO COST REFS AVAIL
Mid America Mortgage	618-281-8766	7.000 / .00	6.875 / .00	7.375 / .00	7.375 / .00	6.625 / .00	Referred & Preferred Call for free pre-qual if you wish
Signature Mortgage	314-949-3131	6.875 / .00	6.625 / .00	7.250 / .00	7.000 / .00	6.125 / .00	No closing costs refinancing available. L&A construction

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## BMW



## BMW's new 328i is bigger, slicker, safer

By Tom Strongman

**C**hris Bangle said it best. The new BMW 3-series, he said, is the answer to this question: When the current car goes to bed at night, what kind of car does it dream of becoming?

It wants to be the ultimate sports sedan, he said, a car that says, "Drive me, don't park me."

Bangle, the 41-year-old American who is the design chief of BMW AG, whipped out sketches with a marker to illustrate his thoughts as he explained the genesis of this new model to journalists at a preview of the new model.

The 328i and its kin, the 323i, have bloodlines that date back to the legendary 2002 model from the 1970s. They are an evolution of the current model because it was necessary to keep the car's basic "3-ness" intact, Bangle said. He affirmed that redesigning an icon is difficult and requires great care.

So, what you see here is a car whose wheelbase is, in Bangle's words, about a "thumb-width," or 1 inch, longer. Overall length and width both are increased by about 1.6 inches. It sits more securely on the road with a track that is 2.6 inches wider.

The 323i, which replaces the former 318i, starts at \$26,970, only \$250 more than the 318i. It has a 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter six-cylinder engine.

The 328i begins at \$33,970, \$300 higher than the current 328i. Its 2.8-liter, six-cylinder engine has 193 horsepower.

The 328i will begin showing up in dealer showrooms this month, followed about a month later by the 323i.

In terms of safety, the new 3-series has front, side and head-protection air bags. The head-protection system is a tube-like air bag that inflates across the window to protect the head in side impacts. Rear-seat side-impact air bags are optional.

In terms of driving, I spent the better part of a day and 200 miles behind the wheel of two different 328is, one with the sport package and one with the premium package. BMW did not provide a 323i for comparison. The seven-spoke, 17-inch wheels of the sport package fill the fenders and create a wide-stance, road-hugging look. The suspension is firm and well-controlled, yet it doesn't pummel the passengers with a harsh ride on rough and uneven pavement.

I expected the standard suspension to be noticeably softer, but it wasn't.

One of the main complaints relative to the current 3-series is lack of rear-seat leg room. The longer wheelbase helps alleviate that complaint, and rear leg room is better, although incrementally.

A new one-piece dash, that looks much like that of the current 5-series, goes a long way toward eliminating a source of squeaks and rattles. The instruments reside in a large semi-circular hood that shelters them nicely from reflection.

Switches for power windows and locks are mounted on the console, but to me, mounting them on the doors would be more intuitive.

Both cars I drove had leather seats. On the car with the sport package, a bright silver strip adorned the dash. The premium package, however, used wood, which looked

warmer and richer. Fortunately, the 328i can be specified with both premium and sport packages, should that be your desire, whereas the 323i can be equipped with only one or the other.

The 2.8-liter, in-line six-cylinder now is equipped with infinitely adjustable timing for both intake and exhaust camshafts. Called Double VANOS, this system broadens the engine's power band, enabling it to pull strongly at low speeds or scream up to high rpm with equal fervor. It snarls up to speed so easily, and sits so firmly on the road, that it redefines your sensation of speed.

All of the cars we drove were equipped with five-speed manual transmissions, but a brand-new five-speed automatic is optional.

BMW brakes always have been first-rate, but the ones on the new model now are ventilated front and rear. Of course, anti-lock is standard, but so is a new feature called Cornering Brake Control (CBC).

CBC keeps the vehicle stable when the brakes are applied in a turn.

Both the 323i and 328i have all-season traction control standard, as well.

Until I get to spend a whole week with a test car I will reserve final judgment, but based on my one-day's drive I have to say that BMW has been successful at expanding the 328i's envelope while keeping its core qualities intact. And they did it without a significant price increase.

That's a tough job. Kudos all around. The base price of a 328i is \$33,970, including freight. Equipped with options of metallic paint, leather seats and the sport package, the sticker price is \$37,245.

The standard warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

## Points & Plugs

### More people using Internet to shop for vehicles

By Rick Stoff

More people are shopping for cars without getting into their cars. Internet shopping for cars and trucks tripled between the 1995 and 1997 model years, according to R.I. Polk & Co. of Detroit.

About 19 percent of people looking for cars in 1997 used the Internet as an important information source. Polk found in a survey of 40,000 consumers who bought or leased new vehicles. People shopping for European cars were twice as likely as buyers of domestic vehicles to use the Internet. Polk said 31 percent of people looking at European cars used the net, as did 27 percent of people considering Asian cars and 15 percent of those looking at domestic cars.

Sales of new cars and trucks sizzled in June. Nationally, sales were 15.7 percent higher than the same month last year, reported the trade publication Automotive News. Sales approached 1.6 million, making June the best month for the industry since September 1996.

The industry total for the first half of this year was 7.9 million, putting 1998 on a pace to break the 1996 U.S. record.

As usual, the full-size Ford and Chevrolet pickups rank at the top of the overall sales charts. Ford has sold more than half a million 1998 F-150s, while Chevrolet has sold about 400,000 of its big trucks. A sport-utility, the Ford Explorer, and two more pickups, the Dodge Ram and Ford Ranger, occupy the top 10 so far in the 1998 model year.

The race for best-selling automobile in America is still in question. Honda had sold 270,348 Accords through the end of June to sit at the top of the car chart. But with three months remaining in the unofficial model year, the Ford Taurus and Toyota Camry remain within striking distance of the Accord with 257,743 and 249,240 sales, respectively.

The Honda Civic also remained in the 1998 top 10 at the end of June, along with the Dodge Caravan minivan. Driving a Honda in New York City can be more exclusive than cruising in a Ferrari or Rolls-Royce — if you have the right Honda.

Honda has started offering its EV Plus electric vehicle in New York, but expects to have only 10 or so on lease by the end of the year. Honda has leased about 80 of the vehicles in California.

The General Motors EV1 has attracted about 400 buyers in the southwestern U.S. so far.

What will be next? Ejection seats? Siemens AG is offering auto companies the world's first foot air bags to protect the lower legs of drivers in collisions. The bags, said to be coming in a couple of European luxury cars in the near future, inflate from the floor to raise the feet and legs out of the range of the pedal assembly.

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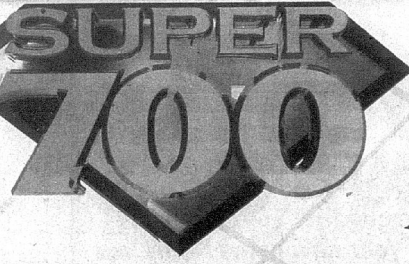
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